

# 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

Greeter: Bev Novak; Reader: Jane Winston

Communion Assistants: Diane Sheldon, Bev Thomas

Usher Coordinator: Dave Sheldon; Ushers: Dick Magnuson, Cal Miller

Counters: Greg & Kathy Katainen; Altar Guild: Cathi Bean, Jan Galbraith

## 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:** Evelyn Mac Pherson; Devore/Brooks family; 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); David Douglas (Bev Novak's brother); Mickey Kunnary (Elaine Harris's niece); Dan Lance (Cal Miller's brother-in-law); Debbie Holden.

**Prayers for those who mourn the loss of loved ones:** For Family and Friends of Hanna Schaefer (Heide Larsen's mom) on her passing; For Family and Friends of Terry Wilson (Cathi Bean's cousin) 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.

In our prayers for you  
we always thank God, the Father  
of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Colossians 1:3



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PRAISING OUR GOD....LOVING HIS PEOPLE!

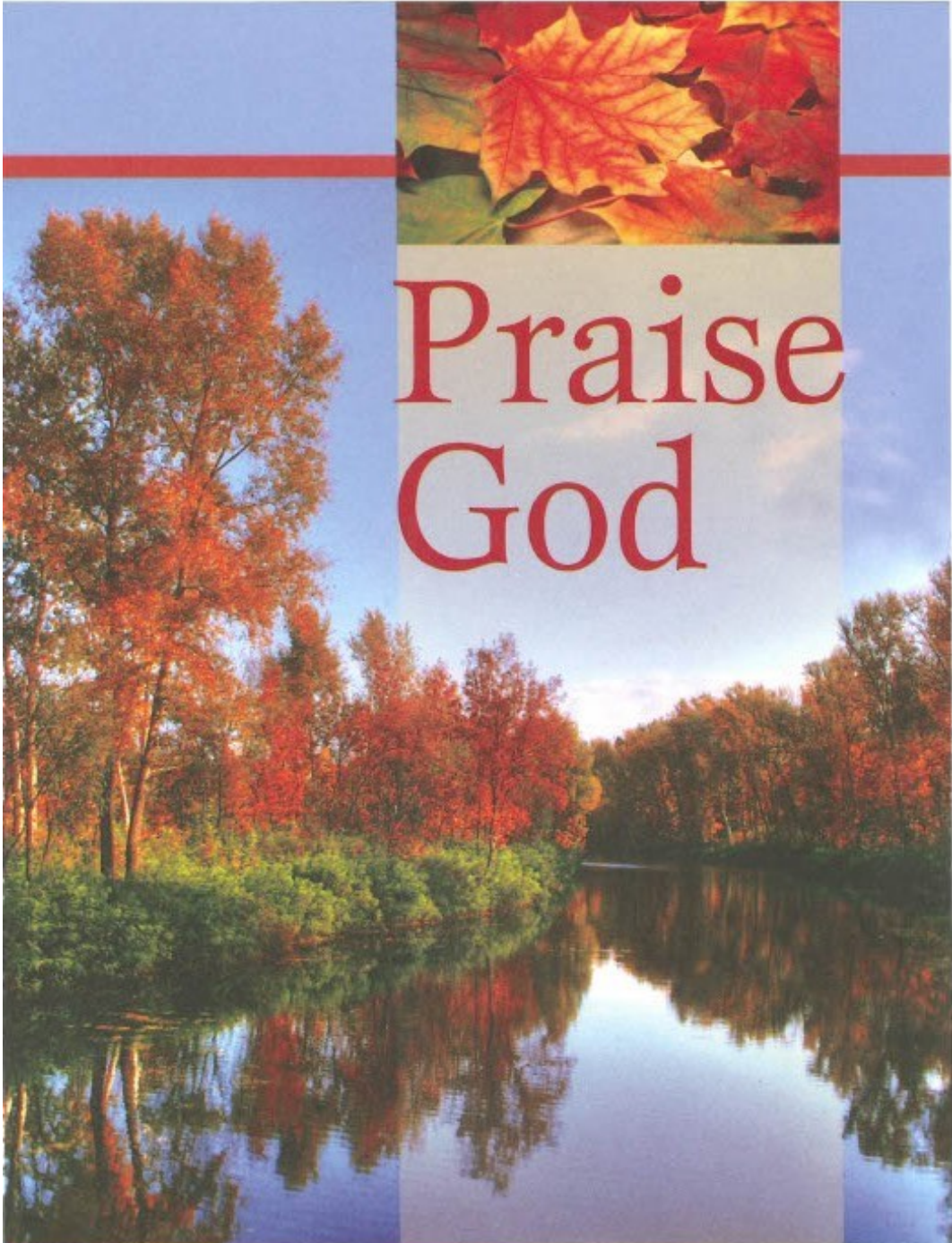
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# Praise God

*from whom all blessings flow*

**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

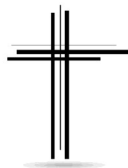
**Closing Hymn: #509 “God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”**

**Dismissal Charge:**

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Today is Confirmation Sunday.** Please plan to celebrate with Confirmands who will affirm their baptism during worship today. A reception celebration will follow in the Fellowship Hall.



**Order of Worship**

~The hymns today are in the red hymnal~

Prelude: Michelle Hanson

Welcome: Pastor Rick Nelson

**Opening Hymn: #504 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”**

**Prayer of the Day:**

**Almighty God, you have taught us in your Son that love fulfills the law. Inspire us to love you with all our heart, our soul, our mind, and our strength, and teach us how to love our neighbor as ourselves, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Special music: Choir “These Walls”

**Children’s Message**

**Psalm 150 (Read Responsively )**

LL: <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!**

**Lesson: Deuteronomy 6:1-9**

**6** Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, <sup>2</sup> so that you and your children and your children’s children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. <sup>3</sup> Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you. <sup>4</sup> Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

<sup>5</sup> You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. <sup>6</sup> Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. <sup>7</sup> Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. <sup>8</sup> Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, <sup>9</sup> and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

### **Gospel: Mark 12:28-34**

<sup>28</sup> One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one;' <sup>30</sup> you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' <sup>31</sup> The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." <sup>32</sup> Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; <sup>33</sup> and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." <sup>34</sup> When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Sermon: Pastor Rick

### **Sermon Hymn: #631 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation)

**Nickolas Carlson, Hannah Dornfeld-Smith, Sophia Forbord, Olivia Forbord, Ta'Lynn Jenkins, Norah Johnson, Abigail Lerum**

Presentation/Prayer

Statements of Faith Excerpts

### **Profession of Faith**

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

Public Affirmation by Confirmands

**Laying on of Hands** (parents, god parents, family may come forward at this time)

Prayer/Blessing

Celebration/Recognition

**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.**

Prayers of The People - **Response "Hear Our Prayer"**

Silent Confession and words of Forgiveness

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 ~*

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Today Sunday 10/31/2021	
	<b>Confirmation Sunday</b>
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
1:30 pm	Cantata Choir Practice
5:00 pm	<b>Trunk or Treat/FELC Parking Lot</b>
Monday 11/1/2021	
9:30 am	Staff Meeting
7:00 pm	Executive Council Meeting/Lounge
Tuesday 11/2/2021	
9:00 am	Preschool
9:00 am	Happy Stitchers
6:00 pm	Bell Practice
Wednesday 11/3/2021	
9:00 am	Preschool
1:00 pm	Women in Prayer
2:00 pm	Women's Bible Study/Lounge
Thursday 11/4/2021	
9:00 am	Preschool
10:00 am	Kaffeeklatsch
6:30 pm	Finance Ministry Team Meeting
7:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Team Meeting
Friday 11/5/2021	
1:00 pm	Friends in Stitches/Fellowship Hall
Saturday 11/6/2021	
Next Sunday 11/7/2021	
	<b>All Saints Sunday</b>
	<b>Daylight-Saving Time Ends</b> (set clocks back one hour)
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6:30 pm	Youth Group/Youth Room

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### Report of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Year to date Income thru September \$200,004, Year to date Expenses thru September \$187,126,  
 Year to date net Cash Flow thru September \$12,878.  
 Last Week's in Worship Attendance: 87, Live Stream: 33

## News and Events

### TRUNK OR TREAT TODAY FROM 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM!

FELC parking lot. Come join the fun!

**Women's Ministry Monthly Luncheon:** November 6th lunch will be at Abracadabra's at 11:00 am. ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!! We will start with a small devotional and prayer, followed by great food and company. Please R.S.V.P. to Elizabeth Miner at 208-201-3623.

### Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held at 11:45 am on Sunday, **November 14th**.

**The Agenda will be:** Voting on the proposed budget for next year, electing officers, electing members at large for the council, and a review of 2021. **Please plan on attending!**

### Requirements of a Voting Member

**Members** shall be classified as those persons baptized in the name of the Triune God who have been confirmed in this congregation, transferred as confirmed members from other Lutheran/Christian congregations or baptized persons received by affirmation of faith in this congregation.

**Voting rights** are for those members who, during the preceding 18 months, have communed at least twelve times in this congregation and made a contribution of record to this congregation. For members who are minors (e.g. confirmed individuals 9th - 12th grade), contributions by the minor's parents or legal guardians will suffice to be recorded as a "contribution of record" in order to establish voting rights.