

# 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.

*Baptized this morning  
is the daughter of William & Amanda Harrington*

**Honor Elizabeth Harrington**

*May God's rich blessings  
be upon Honor on her special day*



**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.

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 suggests 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!**

## 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 or you can email [prayerchain@firstlc.com](mailto:prayerchain@firstlc.com). All requests remain confidential - only with permission are individual names placed on the written prayer list below.



### Prayers for those who are ill, recovering or going through a

**difficult time:** Crystal Duncan (Trisha Storer's niece); Christina Townsend; Debbie Horton; Marie Cleverly; Annette Hendrickson; Evelyn Mac Pherson; Devore/Brooks family; Jyl Jackson; Brent Thyssen (Ellie Lerum's Dad); Dieter Tretzen; Greg Davis (Jim Sahr's nephew); 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); Mark Reisenburg; 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 friends and family serving in the military:

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

Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don't get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes.

Matthew 6:34

### Worship Assistants

Greeters: Michelle Cleverly, Kathy Reisenburg; Liturgist: Sheryl Schaffer  
Communion Assistants: Judy Sahr, Kim Bermensolo  
Usher Coordinator: Jim Sahr; Ushers: Lisa Swenson, Scott Berger  
Counters: Lisa Swenson, Alicia Coburn  
Altar Guild: Jan Galbraith, Cathi Bean



PRAISING OUR GOD....LOVING HIS PEOPLE!

**Interim Pastor: Pastor Rick Nelson**

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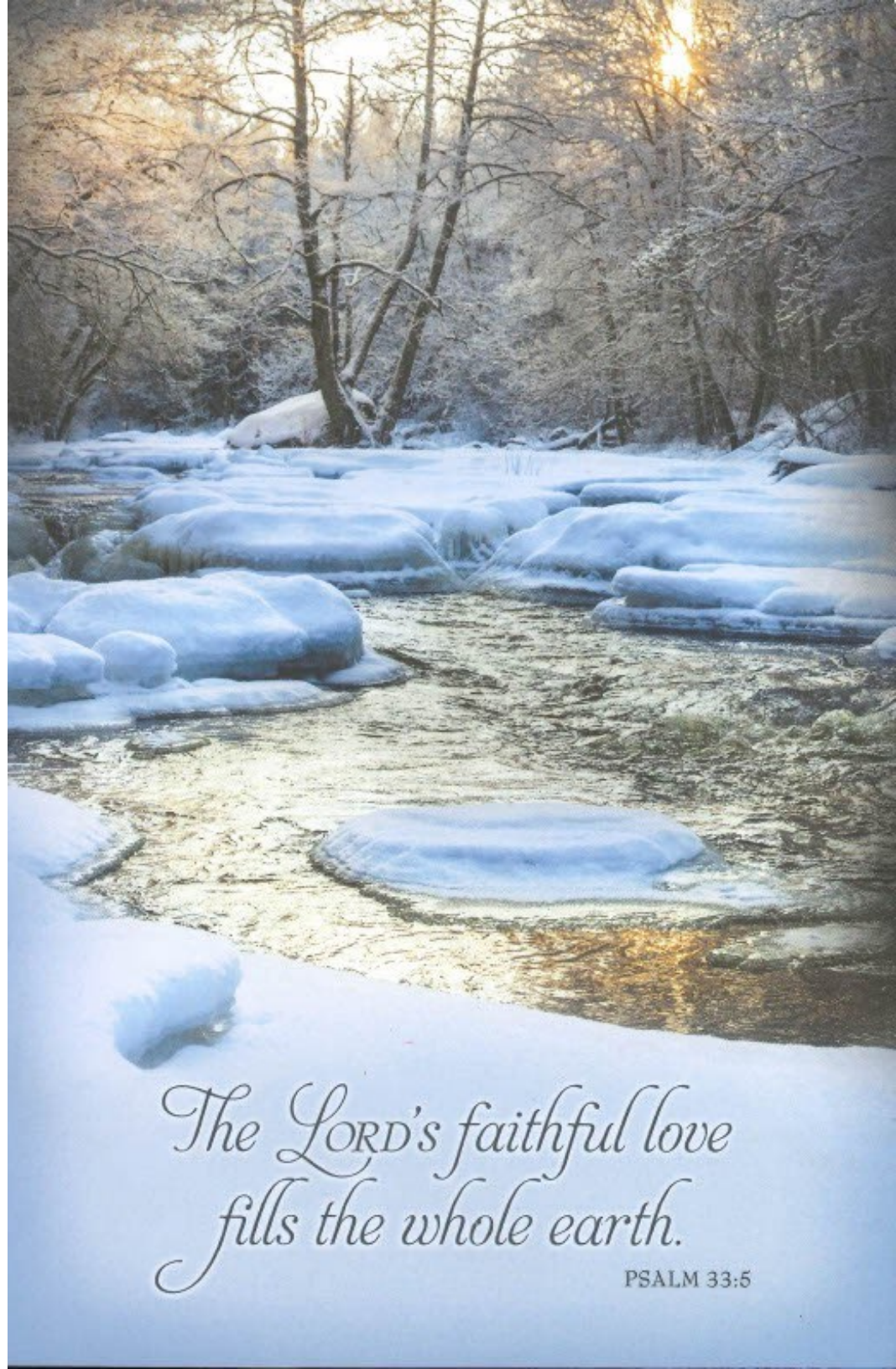
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**Pastor Emeritus: Pastor Larry Cudmore**

Office hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, Friday Closed

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*The LORD's faithful love  
fills the whole earth.*

PSALM 33:5

<b>THIS WEEK AT FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH</b>	
<b>Today Sunday 12/5/2021</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
6:30 pm	Youth Group/Youth Room
<b>Monday 12/6/2021</b>	
9:30 am	Staff Meeting
7:00 pm	Executive Council Meeting/Lounge
<b>Tuesday 12/7/2021</b>	
9:00 am	Preschool
9:00 am	Happy Stitchers
6:00 pm	Bell Practice
<b>Wednesday 12/8/2021</b>	
9:00 am	Preschool
2:00 pm	Women's Bible Storying on break until January 12th
<b>Thursday 12/9/2021</b>	
9:00 am	Preschool
10:00 am	Kaffeeklatsch
6:30 pm	Finance Meeting/Lounge
<b>Friday 12/10/2021</b>	
1:00 pm	Friends in Stitches/Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday 12/11/2021</b>	
11:00 am	Cantata Dress Rehearsal
<b>Next Sunday 12/12/2021</b>	
10:15 am	Cantata Presentation
11:30 am	Fellowship Hour/Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm	Cantata Presentation
6:30 pm	Cantata Presentation

## Order of Worship

### Today's Liturgy: Now the Feast and Celebration

~The hymns today are in the red hymnal~

Prelude: Michelle Hanson

Welcome: Pastor Rick Nelson

**Hymn #257 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" v. 4**  
**O come, O Branch of Jesse, free**  
**your own from Satan's tyranny;**  
**from depths of hell your people save,**  
**and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.**  
**Rejoice! Rejoice!**  
**Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

Lighting of Advent Candle Two: The Candle of Love  
 Jim & Judy Sahr

**Hymn #257 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" v. 7**  
**O come, O King of nations, come,**  
**O Cornerstone that binds in one:**  
**refresh the hearts that long for you;**  
**restore the broken, make us new.**  
**Rejoice! Rejoice!**  
**Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

**"Now the Feast" pages 2-6**

Special music: Choir "Emmanuel, O Come Tonight"

Children's Message/Baptism

**First Lesson: Luke 1:68-71, 76, 77**

<sup>68</sup> "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. <sup>69</sup> He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, <sup>70</sup> as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, <sup>71</sup> that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. <sup>76</sup> And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, <sup>77</sup> to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.

**Second Lesson: Philippians 1:3-10**

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup> constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup> because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

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#### Report of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Year to date Income thru November \$247,326, Year to date Expenses thru November 237,159,  
 Year to date net Cash Flow thru November \$10,167.  
 Last Week's in Worship Attendance: 81, Live Stream: 35

<sup>7</sup> It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup> For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup> And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup> to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless.

**Gospel: Luke 3:1-6, 15, 16**

<sup>3</sup> In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup> during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup> as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. <sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; <sup>6</sup> and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" <sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Sermon: Pastor Rick

**Hymn of the Day: #249 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"**

**"Now the Feast" pages 6-12**

*Every household is invited to take home today a **bundle of Advent Wreath candles AND a red, home devotional book.** You are invited to create your own Advent Wreath for your home table, to light the appropriate candle(s), and read the daily devotional as a way of counting forward to Christmas. Blessings!*

**Angel Tree in Narthex** This Christmas we have an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of one family. We have put up an Angel Tree in the narthex with tags for various gift ideas and a food box for donations. You can take a tag, purchase the item and place it under the tree. If it involves a gift card you can place the tag and your gift card in the offering plate or give this to Heide in the office. The gifts will be picked up Monday December 20th and deliver them by Christmas. **Thank you Angels.**

**The Family:** Hailey was just diagnosed with a debilitating disease that will eventually leave her on disability in a year. She is raising her 7 year old son on her own, works full time at a car wash, goes to school AND is helping her father who was released from prison in August. She also took care of her grandmother on her own and cared for her until she passed away. Hailey is so deserving. She is remarkable. She serves other people on supervision by mentoring them and teaching them recovery skills. She consistently keeps in contact with me and I'm honored to be her mentor. Hailey is 28, Father Jake is 48, Son Xavier is 7

**Holiday Office Hours:** The church Office will be open Monday - Thursday from 9:00 - Noon December 20th- 23rd and December 27th - 30th.

**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** will be on holiday break from November 24th till January 5th. Class will resume on January 12th.

**Penny Power for November** will be supporting our local women Gideon members as they continue to place Bibles in doctor's, dentist's and Veterinary offices and also hand out Bibles to nursing graduates and medical professionals. You kids are making a difference around the world! Thank You.