

First Evangelical Lutheran Church (FELC)



To Our Guests,

It is a blessing this morning to have you joining us in lifting our praise and prayers to our risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

If you are a guest please know:

- * Words in **bold print** are meant for the congregation to say.
- * The hymns today are in the red PEW hymnal.
- * We will be celebrating our Lord's supper today. We invite all who are baptized and believe in Christ to his table. At FELC we believe Christ's promise that in receiving this bread and wine, we receive Christ's body and blood and the forgiveness of sins.
- * We have hearing devices available, just ask one of our ushers for assistance.
- * We have children's quiet activity bags available in the lobby.
- * We invite you to sign a guest card (in the pews) or our guest register in the entryway. Let us know how we might help you in your faith journey or lift you up in prayer.
- * **Following worship, everyone is invited into our Fellowship Hall for refreshments and fellowship.**

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.

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. 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: Carolee Price (Kathy Reisenburg's sister); Stan Robinson; Caroline Davis; Margaret Treasure (Shawn Cleverly's aunt); Carla Benson; Ron Mitchell (Dick Mitchell's cousin); Mike Bean; Kathleen Keyes; Keith Hancock (Anne Mitchell's brother); Stephen Scott (Anne & Dick Mitchell's cousin); Wendy Cudmore; Kelley Thorn (Cathy Abreu's cousin); Judy Sahr; Crystal Duncan (Trisha Storer's niece); Christina Townsend; Debbie Horton; Marie Cleverly; Annette Hendrickson; DeVore/Brooks family; 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); Debbie Brown (DiAnn Brown's sister-in-law); Bobby Jo Stiener (Elaine Harris's cousin); 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.

Is anyone among you in trouble?
Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them
sing songs of praise.

James 5:13

Worship Assistants

Greeters: Lewis & Diana Murphy

Reader: Marda Kirkwood

Communion Assistants: Linda Lerum, Cathi Bean

Usher Coordinator: Jim Sahr

Ushers: Greg Stultz, Cal Miller

Counters: Paul Worth, Scott Berger

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PRAISING OUR GOD....LOVING HIS PEOPLE!

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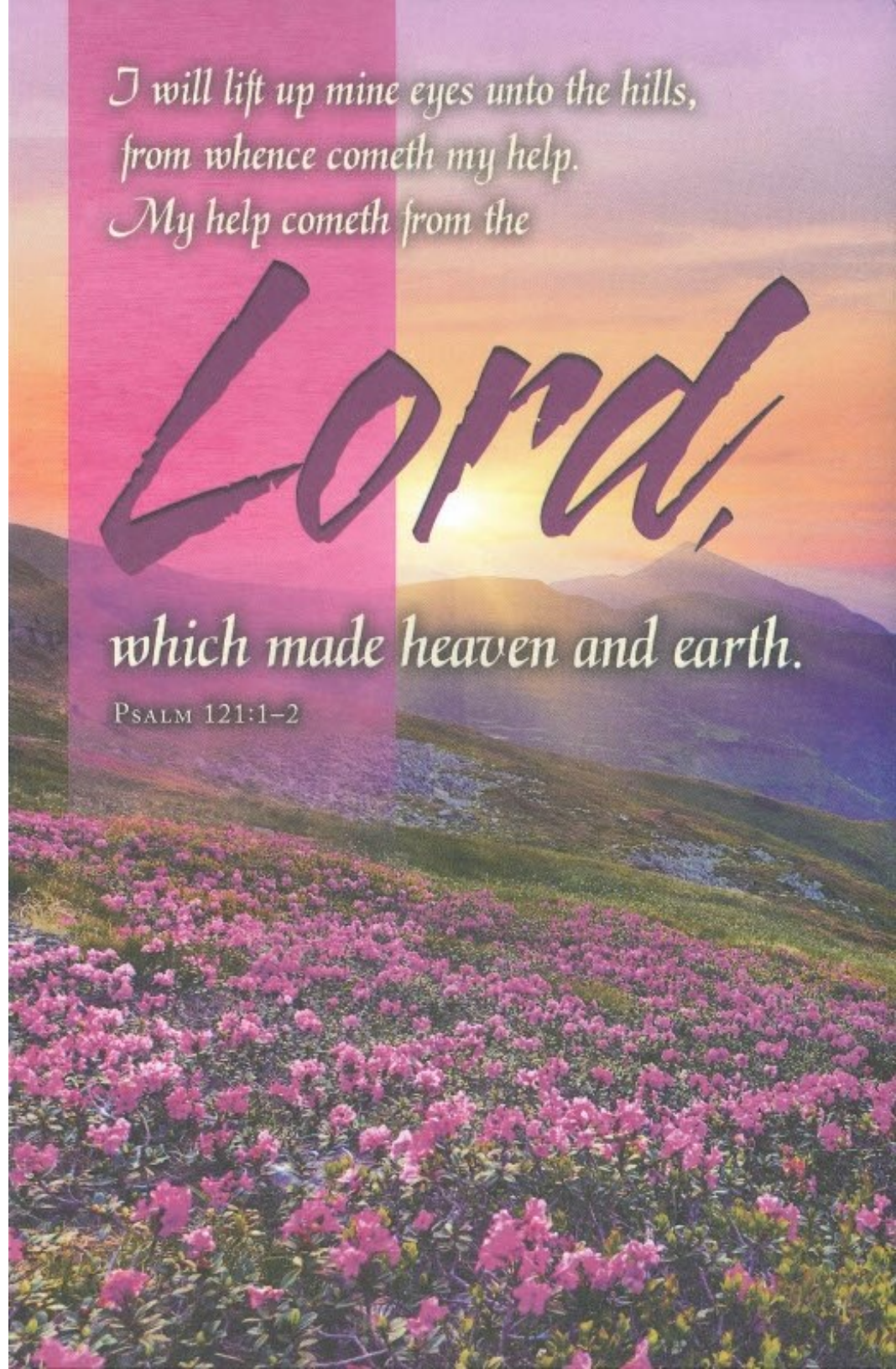
*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
from whence cometh my help.*

My help cometh from the

Lord,

which made heaven and earth.

PSALM 121:1-2



Order of Worship
Today's Liturgy: Now the Feast and Celebration

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE: Michelle Hanson

WELCOME: Pastor Mike Knauff

INVOCATION

WE LIFT OUR PRAISE & PRAYERS TO GOD

OPENING HYMN: #807 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NOW THE FEAST: Pages 2-6

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

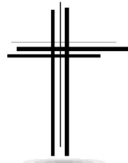
FIRST LESSON: Acts 9:36-43 (Bible page 894)

Our first scripture reading is from the New Testament, the book of the Acts of the Apostles, chapter nine beginning with verse thirty-six.

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

This is God's word.

Thanks be to God.



SECOND LESSON: Revelation 7:9-17 (Bible page 999)

Our second lesson for this morning is from the New Testament, the book of Revelation, chapter seven beginning with verse nine.

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." ¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

This is God's word.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 10:22-29 (Bible page 873)

Our holy gospel this morning is from the Gospel according to Saint John the tenth chapter, beginning with verse twenty-two.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: **#502 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"**

SERMON: Pastor Mike

OFFERING

NOW THE FEAST: Pages 6-10

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

We invite all who are baptized and believe in Christ, and in receiving the bread and wine they receive Christ's body and blood and the forgiveness of sins, to join us.

Children not receiving communion may come forward for a blessing.

Holy Communion will be served at the altar rail this morning.

Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. You may choose white grape juice or red wine. Gluten-free wafers are available. Return by a side aisle.

COMMUNION HYMNS: **#433, #764, #434**

NOW THE FEAST: Pages 10-11

CLOSING HYMN: **#172 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"**

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Today Sunday 5/22/2022	
9:00 am	New Member Class/Library
9:00 am	Adult Bible Study/Fellowship Hall
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	Worship & Music Team Meeting/Lounge
Monday 5/23/2022	
10:00 am	Staff Meeting
6:00 pm	Girls softball/Green space
Tuesday 5/24/2022	
9:00 am	Happy Stitchers
9:00 am	Preschool
Wednesday 5/25/2022	
9:00 am	Preschool
1:00 pm	Women in Prayer/Lounge
Thursday 5/26/2022	
8:00 am	Preschool/Fellowship Hall till 3:30 pm
10:00 am	Kaffeeklatsch
Friday 5/27/2022	
	NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE (12 Noon)
1:00 pm	Friends in Stitches/Fellowship Hall
Saturday 5/28/2022	
Sunday 5/29/2022	
10:15 am	Worship with Holy Communion
11:30 am	Fellowship Hour/Fellowship Hall

Penny Power for May will be given to Camp Magical Moments - a (free) camp for kids with cancer in Swan Valley in June. Thank You.

“SURVEY SAYS!” FELC’s church council and staff is needing input from members regarding the strengths and weaknesses of our congregation in order to more effectively minister in the present and plan for the future. A short eleven question survey was sent out to the congregation via email on May 12th. Research shows that a 25% response rate produces solid results on which to make decisions. 25% of FELC’s members would be just shy of 100 responses, to date we have almost 50 responses, meaning we’re halfway there!! If you failed to receive the survey, check your spam file, or check with the church office to make sure your email address is correct. Another option is for members to visit our website where we have a link to the survey.

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 April \$95,461, Year to date Expenses thru April \$112,287,
Year to date net Cash Flow thru April -\$16,826. (which includes a one time expense of \$23,080.
for moving Pastor Mike which was approved by the congregation separately)
Last Week’s in Worship Attendance: 129, Live Stream: 49

Mark Your Calendar

YOUTH COUNCIL NEXT SUNDAY! FELC’s Senior High and Junior High youth group is getting back up and running for the summer. Any youth willing to provide input and leadership in our youth group’s plans and activities is invited to serve on the newly formed “youth council.” Our first Youth Council meeting will be held on Sunday May 29th at 9 am during the Sunday school hour in the youth room.

Pentecost people needed for Sunday June 5. Pastor Mike would like to spice up our Day of Pentecost celebration with folks reading John 3:16 in a foreign language. If we can have several different languages represented, we can somewhat experience what it might have been like on that first Pentecost when the Holy Spirit inspired the timid disciples to boldly proclaim the gospel in foreign tongues. Talk to Pastor Mike or Heide if you can help out.

JOIN US FOR THE “BIRTHDAY FOR THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH”: Pentecost Sunday is often referred to as the birthday of the Christian Church because it’s the day the Holy Spirit was poured out on Christ’s timid disciples hiding in an upper room and transformed them into bold proclaimers of the gospel that went out into the entire world. The congregation is invited to wear red for the red-letter day of the “birthday of the church.” We’ll also be enjoying hearing John 3:16 in various “tongues” of our congregation.

New Member Sunday is Sunday June 5th at 10:15 am.

FILL’ER UP @ FELC! For the first time in two years FELC is again holding one of her delectable potlucks. The occasion is to welcome our new member class and what better way than a show and tell of FELC’s culinary delights?! Whether its from scratch, or grocery store, bring an item to share and share in the fellowship of welcoming new members to our FELC family. **Sunday June 5th. Please check the ABC’s in the Newsletter** so we don’t all bring the same thing.

JUNE 5TH- YOUTH GROUP MEETING: Our summer schedule of youth group on the first and third Sundays begins Sun. June 5th. The first Sunday of the month we’ll gather early right after church and the third Sunday of the month we’ll gather later in the evening at 6:30 pm. Sun. June 5th we’ll start by sampling the church’s potluck and then gather in the youth room for a devotion and a “Head’s Up” tournament. What’s “head’s up?” come find out.

Summer Quilting!! The kids’ summer quilting program is back! Available to kids ages 8 and up. Learn the basics of each part of quilting, have a mentor. Open to the first 8 new kids who sign up. Returning kids are always welcome. **Tuesdays 9am-noon, June 7-August 16.** Contact Ellie Lerum for more info 208-892-9427.

Summer Camp time is almost here!!! FELC has scholarship funds for any child or grandchild of a member to go to any Bible-believing, gospel-centered camp. FELC will pay up to half of the camp fee with a maximum of \$180. For more information contact the church office at 208-522-9301. Registration for Luther Heights opened online April 1st. Register at <https://lutherheights.org/> To register at Old Faithful Christian Ranch go to <http://www.ofcr.org/home/>

Luther Heights Day Camp is returning to FELC! June 20th-24th.

WHO? Day camp is for kids who are entering 1st-6th grade in the fall.
WHAT IS DAY CAMP? Luther Heights Bible Camp sends well-trained & amazing staff to our congregation to bring the camp program to us here in Idaho Falls. Prepared with Bible Study curriculum and crafting material, the counselors will gather together groups of same age children and bring them in the Community of Christ through games, friendship, and diving into the words.
TO REGISTER go to www.lutherheights.org and click the “register” button to create an account for your child (if you have done this previously, your account should still be there when you log in.)