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 <u>hearing devices available</u>, 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: Sue Cox; Carolee Price (Kathy Reisenburg's sister); Stan Robinson; Caroline Davis; Margaret Treasure (Shawn Cleverly's aunt); Carla Benson; Mike Bean; Keith Hancock (Anne Mitchell's brother); Stephen Scott (Anne & Dick Mitchell's cousin); Kelley Thorn (Cathy Abreu's cousin); Judy Sahr; Christina Townsend; Debbie Horton; Annette Hendrickson; 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.

<u>Prayers for those who mourn the loss of loved ones:</u> For Family and Friends of Marie Mathewson on her 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 Butler; Alton Helm; Eric Gratzke; Mike Monroe; Jody Townsend; Brianna Townsend; Craig Bukowski; Michael Smith; Jack Hogan; Marc Schoonmaker; Andrew Mitchell.

"And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him."

Matthew 6:7-8

Worship Assistants

Greeters: Mary Pilkington, Lewis & Diana Murphy

Reader: Bill Lockman

Communion Assistants: Debra Hogg, DiAnn Brown

Usher Coordinator: Greg Dornfeld Ushers: Greg Stultz, Cal Miller Counter: Paul Bayless

Altar Guild: Debra Holst, Cathi Bean



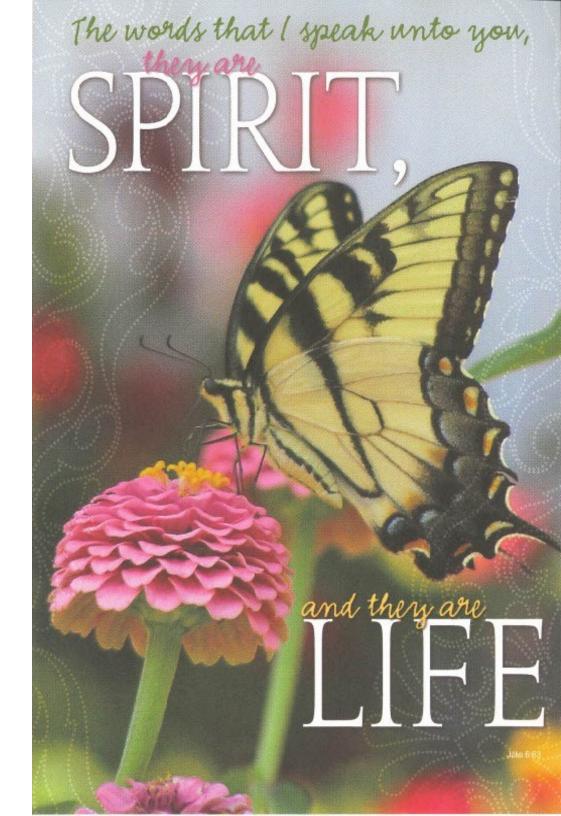
PRAISING OUR GOD....LOVING HIS PEOPLE!

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH	
Today Sunday 6/19/2022	
10:15 am 11:30 am 6:30 pm 6:30 pm	Fellowship Hour/Fellowship Hall Shofar Team Meeting/Lounge
Monday 6/20/2022	
9:00 am 10:00 am	Luther Heights Day Camp till 3:00 pm Staff Meeting
Tuesday 6/21/2022	
	Luther Heights Day Camp till 3:00 pm Happy Stitchers Happy Stitchers' Bible Study
Wednesday 6/22/2022	
9:00 am 1:00 pm	Luther Heights Day Camp till 3:00 pm Women in Prayer/Lounge
Thursday 6/23/2022	
9:00 am 10:00 am 6:00 pm	Luther Heights Day Camp till 3:00 pm Kaffeeklatsch Day Camp Potluck, Picnic Shelter
Friday 6/24/2022	
9:00 am 1:00 pm	Friends in Stitches/Fellowship Hall
Saturday 6/25/2022	
Sunday 6/26/2022	
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10:15 am 11:30 am	Mid-Year Congregational Meeting Worship with Holy Communion Fellowship Hour/Fellowship Hall

Penny Power for June will enable our missionaries to help the Left Behind Kids in China with needed school items and other supplies. Thank You.

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 May \$126,920, Year to date Expenses thru May \$142,430, Year to date net Cash Flow thru May -\$15,510. (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: 98, Live Stream: 58

Order of Worship

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE: Luther Heights Counselors

WELCOME: Pastor Mike Knauff

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness....

Silence for reflection and self-examination...

Most merciful God...

We confess that we are in bondage 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.

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.**

WE LIFT OUR PRAISE & PRAYERS TO GOD

OPENING HYMN: "Sanctuary"
Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for You
Repeat two more times

TRINITARIAN GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you

KYRIE ELEISON (Lord have mercy)

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...

O God, throughout the ages you judge your people with mercy, and you inspire us to speak your truth. By your Spirit, anoint us for lives of faith and service, and bring all people into your forgiveness, though Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 65:1-9 (Bible page 606) Our first scripture reading is from the Old Testament, the book of Isaiah, chapter sixty-five, beginning with verse one.

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. ² I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; ³ a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; ⁴ who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; ⁵ who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for

Mark Your Calendar

YOUTH GROUP MEETING TODAY: Tentative plans are to have a movie night starting at 6:30 pm. The movie is Prince of Egypt. We're working on movie theater freshly popped popcorn, bunches of bean bag seating, and a large screen experience by projecting it on the fellowship hall wall.

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) and follow prompts under "Register."

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY JUNE 26TH The FELC church council has been working on updating our Constitution to reflect our congregation's decision to join the North American Lutheran Church. A work group was assigned to this updating task and after several months of labor presented its recommendations at the council's May meeting. The council has approved bringing those changes to the congregation for a vote. A "hard copy" draft of the changes is available in the office, for members to preview. If you'd like to receive this draft electronically, please contact the church office. It is also hoped, with time allowing, that the council will be able to present the results from our congregational survey at this meeting.

Meet & Greet June 25th, Sign-up for the last remaining spots to attend the backyards BBQ & Dutch Oven Meet & Greet for Pastor Mike and Deborah being held Saturday, June 25th at 3:00 pm. Hosts are Chris & Wendy Schoonmaker. Contact Wendy at 208-520-8713 or 1wendy007@gmail.com.

Scrap-Booking and Craft Day! This summer, we are going to gather for one Saturday per month for fun, fellowship, and to exercise our creativity uninterrupted. Mark your calendars for July 16th, and August 20th, 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM. Come early or late. Stay as long as you want. Visit with fellow crafters. This month, bring a sack lunch and, for dinner, we will pool our resources and order out for pizza. Snacks to share will be appreciated. You are welcome to bring friends. Gather your supplies and look forward to all of that elbow room in the fellowship hall. Questions, contact Marda Kirkwood (Marda@g.com).

Annual Fireworks Fundraiser starts on June 27th Open 10:00 am to 10:00 pm through July 2nd, and Noon to 12:00 am July 3rd & 4th. Come support your FELC Team. Adult and youth volunteers welcome at any time. Located at 300 S. Woodruff, Idaho Falls right in front of Planet Fitness, next to Wealth of Health. To sign-up or for more information contact Greg Stultz or Phil Forbord at 208-522-9301.

Men's Breakfast, July 23rd; 8:00 am - 9:30 am; FELC Fellowship Hall The plan is to watch one or 2 of the video clips from the men's retreat at Watersprings with a bit of discussion afterwards. We will start with a devotional from Pastor Mike and plan when the next meeting will be. Food will be provided.

³⁰ Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. ³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. 34 When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Luther Heights Counselors

HYMN OF THE DAY: Hymn #612 "Healer of Our Every III""

SERMON: Pastor Mike

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Apostle's Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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"
OFFERING



WE CELEBRATE OUR LORD'S SUPPER

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.

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: #496, #399, #581

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: "Every time I Feel the Spirit"



Text: African American spiritual

Music: PENTECOST, African American spiritual; arr. Melva W. Costen, b. 1933

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you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long.
See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps ⁷ their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions.
Thus says the Lord: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all.
I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

This is God's Word.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: Galatians 3:23-29 (Bible page 947) Our second lesson for this morning is from the New Testament, the book of Galatians, chapter three beginning with verse twenty-three.

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

This is the word of God.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Luke 8:26-39 (Bible page 841)

Our holy gospel this morning is from the Gospel according to Saint Luke the eighth chapter, beginning with verse twenty-six.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶ Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"— ²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.)