

# 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.
- \* 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.

*Baptized this morning  
is the son of Marley & Jeffrey Burggraf*

**Tommy Ray Burggraf**

*May God's rich blessings  
be upon Tommy on his 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.

## 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:

Paul Thomas; Shirley Krause (Elaine Bengtson's cousin); Marie Cleverly; Sue Cox; Caroline Davis; Carla Benson; Mike Bean; 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.

Prayers for those who mourn the loss of loved ones: For Family and Friends of Stan Robinson 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 Butler; Alton Helm; Eric Gratzke; Mike Monroe; Jody Townsend; Brianna Townsend; Craig Bukowski; Michael Smith; Jack Hogan; Marc Schoonmaker; Andrew Mitchell.

Be joyful in hope,  
patient in affliction, faithful in prayer  
Romans 12:12

**Worship Assistants**

Greeters: Bev Novak, Michelle Cleverly

Reader: Brad Kirkwood

Communion Assistants: Judy Sahr, Debra Hogg

Usher Coordinator: Jim Sahr

Ushers: Lisa Swenson, Dick Mitchell

Counters: Lisa Swenson, Janice McBride

Altar Guild: Diane Sheldon, Judy Sahr

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PRAISING OUR GOD....LOVING HIS PEOPLE!

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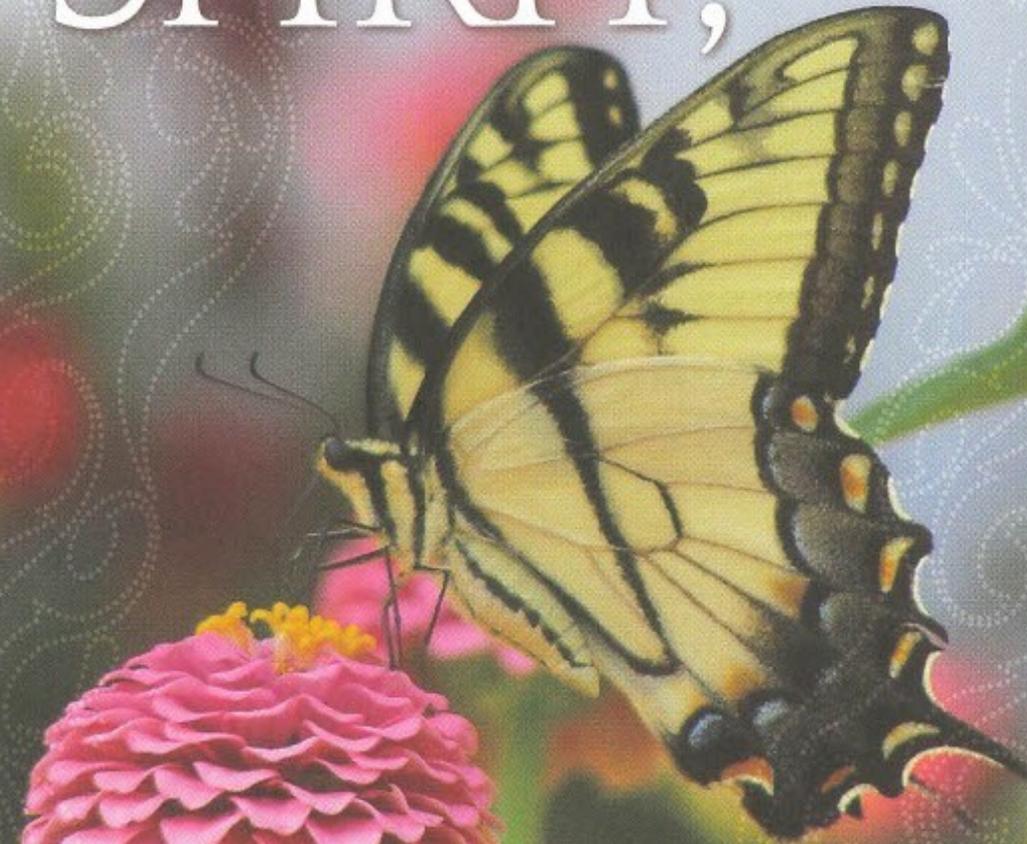
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*The words that I speak unto you,*  
*they are*  
**SPIRIT,**



*and they are*  
**LIFE**

CLOSING HYMN: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"  
Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.  
Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain my Lord spoke,  
out of his mouth came fire and smoke.  
Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.  
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All around me looked so fine,  
asked my Lord if all was mine  
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Jordan river, chilly and cold,  
chills the body but not the soul.  
Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.  
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DISMISSAL  
Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**THE WORSHIP IS ENDED  
LET THE SERVICE BEGIN!**

## Order of Worship

### WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

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PRELUDE: Michelle Hanson

WELCOME: Pastor Mike Knauff

INVOCATION

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

**Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: **Hymn #732 "Borning Cry"**

### SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

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PRESENTATION

In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism, we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

*Parents/Sponsors: **I/We present Tommy Ray Burggraf to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.***

In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring **him** to the services of God's house, and teach **him** the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As he grows in years, you should place in **his** hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for **his** instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of **his** Baptism and in communion with the Church, **he** may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

*Parents/Sponsors: **I do.***

THANKSGIVING AND BAPTISMAL FLOOD PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the waters of the flood, you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family.

You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom. To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen

#### PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

*Parents/Sponsors: I do.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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**

#### BAPTISM

**Tommy**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

#### BLESSING OF GOD'S SPIRIT

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**



## WE CELEBRATE OUR LORD'S SUPPER

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup and gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

#### 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: #488, #856, #831

#### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may this body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

#### BENEDICTION

And now may the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 15:1-6 (Bible page 10)

Our first scripture reading is from the Old Testament, the book of Genesis, chapter fifteen, beginning with verse one.

**15** After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup> But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup> And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

This is God's Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 33:12-22 (Bible page 441)

Our Psalm for today is from Psalm thirty three verses twelve through twenty-two. I invite the congregation to read it aloud with me.

**12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.** <sup>13</sup> The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind. <sup>14</sup> From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth— <sup>15</sup> he who fashions the hearts of them all, and observes all their deeds. <sup>16</sup> A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. <sup>17</sup> The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save. <sup>18</sup> Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, <sup>19</sup> to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. <sup>20</sup> Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield. <sup>21</sup> Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. <sup>22</sup> Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 (Bible page 977)

Our second lesson comes from the New Testament, the book of Hebrews, chapter eleven beginning with verse one.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.

<sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place

that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." <sup>13</sup> All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup> for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

This is the word of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand, as you are able, for the reading of the Gospel*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL Luke 12:32-40 (Bible page 847)

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, chapter twelve, beginning with verse thirty-two.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>32</sup> “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>35</sup> “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup> be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. <sup>39</sup> “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: Hymn #764 “Have No Fear, Little Flock”

SERMON: Pastor Mike Knauff

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - Response “Hear Our Prayer”

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OFFERTORY

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Your  
pres - ence, and take not Your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to  
me the joy of Your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with Your Spir - it free.

Let us pray...God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon **Tommy**: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

**Amen.**

**ANNOINTING WITH OIL**

**Tommy**, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**COMMISSIONING**

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven.

**PRAYERS FOR BAPTISMAL FAMILY**

O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the father and mother of this child. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their child. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their child the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**WELCOME BY GOD’S FAMILY & QUILT PRESENTATION**

Our church family wants everyone baptized at this church to know their baptism makes them part of a larger Christian family and God has promised to wrap them in his love for a lifetime and beyond. Your fellow brother, and sisters in Christ have used their talents to provide this quilt as a reminder of God’s promise to wrap you in his love and that you are part of a larger Christian family that wants to walk with you through your baptismal journey.

So now wet from the waters of baptism and wrapped in this quilt of love we declare that through Baptism God has made this child a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

**We welcome you into the Lord’s family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.**

<b>THIS WEEK AT FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH</b>	
<b>Today Sunday 8/7/2022</b>	
10:15 am	Worship with Holy Communion
11:30 am	Fellowship Hour/Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Youth Group/Youth Room/6th-12th grade
<b>Monday 8/8/2022</b>	
10:00 am	Staff Meeting/Lounge
7:00 pm	Council Meeting/Lounge
<b>Tuesday 8/9/2022</b>	
9:00 am	Happy Stitches
12:00 pm	Discipleship Team Meeting/Junior High Room
1:00 pm	Care and Concern Team Meeting/Lounge
<b>Wednesday 8/10/2022</b>	
1:00 pm	Women in Prayer/Lounge
<b>Thursday 8/11/2022</b>	
10:00 am	Kaffeeklatsch
3:30 pm	Finance Team Meeting/Lounge
<b>Friday 8/12/2022</b>	
1:00 pm	Friends in Stitches/Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday 8/13/2022</b>	
<b>Sunday 8/14/2022</b>	
10:15 am	Worship with Holy Communion
11:30 am	Fellowship Hour/Fellowship Hall

**Penny Power for August** will be given to the Senior Citizen center for their Meals on Wheels program — providing meals to the elderly who cannot afford them. KIDS - your pennies DO make a difference! Thank you.

**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 July \$169,499, Year to date Expenses thru July \$182,952,  
Year to date net Cash Flow thru July -\$13,453. (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: 118, Live Stream: 98

**Attention Ministry Teams** - We plan to begin the 2023 budgeting process in August. Greg Stultz has kindly printed out the year to date spending for each of the Ministry teams. Please review and update as necessary. This will be our first year of normal spending (post Covid), there may be items in the past that were included in the budget that are not in the current 2022 budget or items you and your team may deem necessary to include in the 2023 budget. Also, there maybe one-off items that were paid for in 2022 that are not required for 2023. We would appreciate your prayerful and thoughtful review and update. Please let Greg and I know when would be a good time to meet with you so we can have the first pass of the consolidated budget by the end of August. Thank you for everything you do in support of God's work! In his service, May Hustad (619) 300-7234.

**Vacancies on the Church Council:** The terms of the church council President, Vice President, Secretary, and three other council members expire in November. If you would like to serve on the council or know someone who would make a good council member, please contact David McDaniel at 208-534-8228 or forward your nomination to the church office [office@firstlc.com](mailto:office@firstlc.com). The time commitments for a council member are typically one meeting a month and a liaison assignment to one of the church's ministry teams.

**Help needed with the Sanctuary:** Our recent survey showed that the congregation has concerns with the sanctuary. Some of those concerns include sound quality, comfort of the pews and seating, use of electronics, and wall coverings. The church council is asking for volunteers to serve on a task force to evaluate sanctuary needs. If you would be willing to serve on the task force please contact David McDaniel at 208-534-8228 or contact the church office at [office@firstlc.com](mailto:office@firstlc.com).

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Our thanks to William Lerum and Greg Stultz for providing breakfast for our Men's Group on Sat. July 23. We had nearly a dozen men in attendance and Pastor Mike led devotions on one of the "Gems of the Bible:" the Third Letter of John. The business session followed devotions and much of the discussion centered on the purpose and activities of the Men's group. It was decided the group would be referred to as the "Men's Ministry" and have a threefold focus of building our faith, enjoying Christian Fellowship (especially around food), and serving our church and community. A regular meeting date was set for the 4th Saturday of each month at 8 am at FELC. We had volunteers agree to make a hot breakfast for our next get together on Sat. Aug. 27 at 8:00 a.m. when Pr. Mike will continue our "Gems of the Bible" series with the book of Philemon. If being part of a Men's Ministry focused on Faith, Food, Fellowship, and Service interests you please join us at our next gathering on Sat., Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>.



# First Lutheran Hymn Sing Survey



August 2022

FELC's worship team would like the congregation's feedback on what their favorite Christian hymns are. This is so they can compile the "Top Ten" to use at our Labor Day weekend service Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. This list of favorite hymns will also serve as a resource of our worship team in selecting hymns throughout the year.

We hope to report back not just FELC's "Top Ten" but perhaps even the "Top 100". Those "Top 100" will be songs the worship team will try to fit in throughout the upcoming year, and may be especially helpful as plans are made to celebrate our 125th anniversary in 2023.

Some folks have said it's hard to narrow it down to just ten. If that's the case go ahead and fill out a second, third, or fourth survey. We just ask that you put your name on each survey you turn in, so we know that you're doubling up. And don't forget to join us for worship on Sunday September 4<sup>th</sup> when we will reveal and sing this year's FELC "Top Ten!"

Surveys will be in all the Sunday bulletins during the month of August.



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