



*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.**

Please be aware, 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:**

Wanda Pilkington (Tom Pilkington's sister-in-law); Wayne Burton (Rebecca DeVore's father); 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; 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.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,  
give thanks in all circumstances; for this is  
the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

### **Worship Assistants**

Greeters: Bev Novak, Michelle Cleverly

Liturgist: Sheryl Schaffer

Communion Assistants: Judy Sahr, Kim Bermensolo, Cathi Bean, Debra Hogg

Usher Coordinator: Jim Sahr

Ushers: Lisa Swenson, Greg Stultz

Counters: Lisa Swenson, Janice McBride

Altar Guild: Cathi Bean, Diane Sheldon

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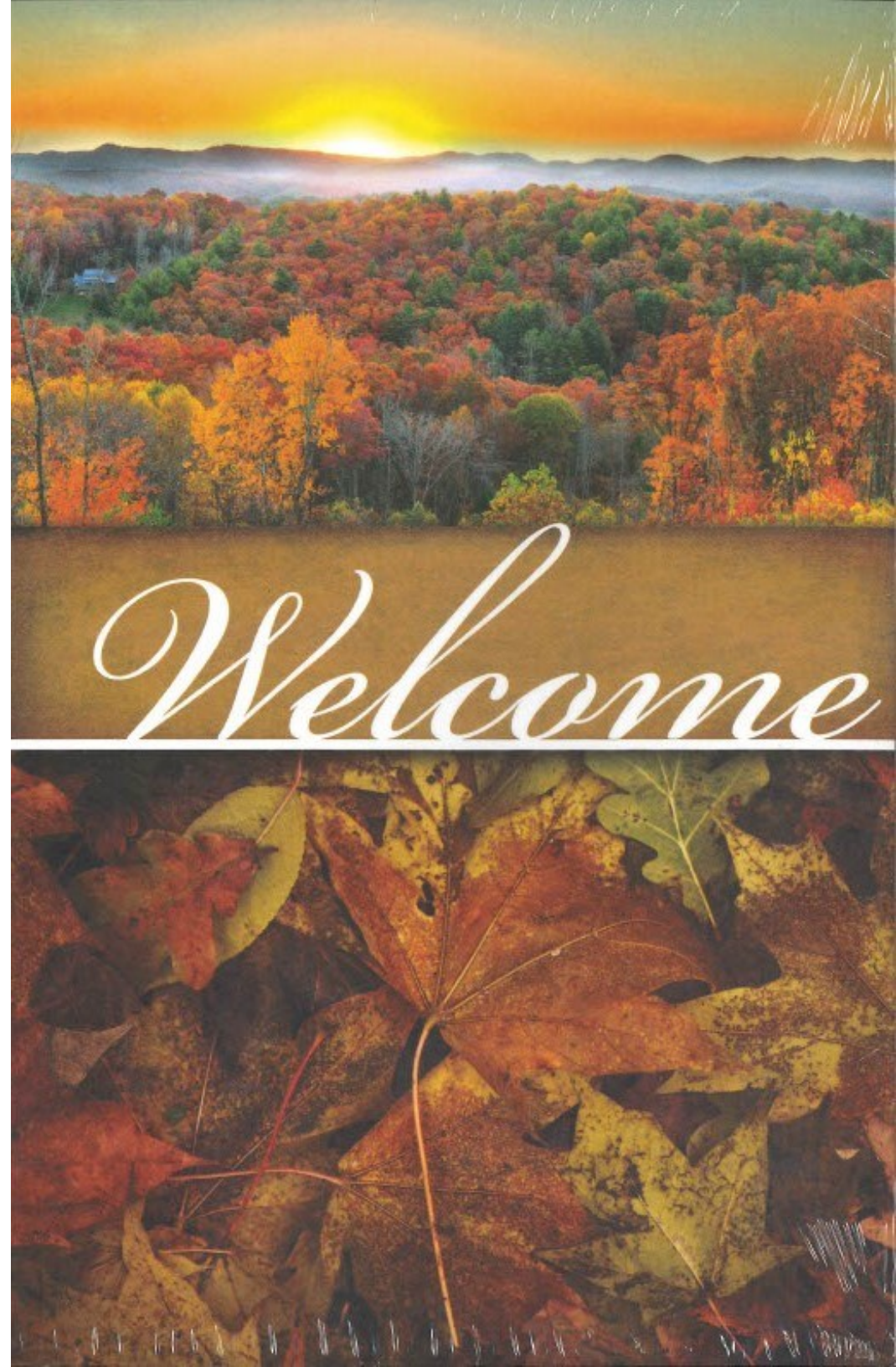
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## THIS WEEK AT FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

### Today Sunday 10/2/2022

9:00 am	<b>NO</b> New member Class/Lounge/ <b>Pastor out of town</b>
9:00 am	Adult Bible Study/Fellowship Hall
9:00 am	Children's Sunday School (PreK-6th grade)
9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
10:15 am	Worship with Holy Communion
11:30 am	Fellowship Hour/Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	King's Men Rehearsal
12:00 pm	Youth Group/Youth Room/6th-12th grade
1:30 pm	Cantata Choir Rehearsal till 3:00 pm

### Monday 10/3/2022

10:00 am	<b>NO</b> Staff Meeting
7:00 pm	Executive Council Meeting/Lounge

### Tuesday 10/4/2022

9:00 am	Happy Stitchers
9:00 am	Preschool
1:00 pm	Preschool
6:30 pm	Bell Practice
7:00 pm	"The Chosen" Small Group

### Wednesday 10/5/2022

9:00 am	Preschool
1:00 pm	Preschool
1:00 pm	Women in Prayer/Lounge
2:00 pm	Women's Bible Storying/Lounge
6:00 pm	Sanctuary Task Force Meeting
6:30 pm	Praise Band Rehearsal till 8:00 pm

### Thursday 10/6/2022

	<b>NO</b> Preschool
10:00 am	Kaffeeklatsch
7:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Team Meeting

### Friday 10/7/2022

1:00 pm	Friends in Stitches/Fellowship Hall
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### Saturday 10/8/2022

11:00 am	Funeral for Annette Hendrickson
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### Sunday 10/9/2022

9:00 am	New member Class/Lounge
9:00 am	Adult Bible Study/Fellowship Hall
9:00 am	Children's Sunday School (PreK-6th grade)
9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
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1:30 pm	Cantata Choir Rehearsal till 3:00 pm
6:00 pm	Confirmation

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### Report of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Year to date Income thru August \$189,318, Year to date Expenses thru August \$210,095,  
Year to date net Cash Flow thru August -\$20,777. (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: 92, Live Stream: 53

## Order of Worship

### WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE: Bell Choir

WELCOME: Sheryl Schaffer

#### 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: Hymn "In Christ Alone"

**In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light my strength my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied.  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then, bursting forth in glorious Day,  
up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine,  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!**

#### 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.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: Tim Hodgson

## **WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

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FIRST LESSON: Romans 8:28-39 (Bible page 919)

Our first scripture reading is from the New Testament, the letter of Paul to the Romans, chapter eight, beginning with verse twenty-eight.

<sup>28</sup> We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. <sup>31</sup> What then are we to

**Penny Power for October** will be used to purchase items for the Operation Christmas Child boxes and our youth will be putting them all together. KIDS - your pennies DO make a difference! Thank you.

**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. 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.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**“THE CHOSEN” Small Group Bible Study:** You're invited to be part of a small group bible study that will be viewing and then discussing the recent popular TV series “The Chosen.” This series attempts to tell the life of Christ from the viewpoint of his followers. It avoids making Christ into a glossy Hollywood star and tries to portray life in 1<sup>st</sup> century Palestine in a historically accurate way. The group meets on Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm. A sign up sheet is located at the office window.

**The FELC praise band** has started and rehearsals are on **Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm.** We're still looking for more helpers, you don't have to be a professional-grade musician, just willing to do your best to make (as the Psalmist says) a “joyful noise” to the Lord. Contact Steve Galbraith at 208-716-2066 if interested.

**TRUNK OR TREAT Sunday October 30th, 5:00 - 7:00 pm in First Lutheran Church's Parking Lot**

**To sign up your car** Call the church office at 208-522-9301 or email office@firstlc.com. Decorate the back of your cars for Halloween, bring candy and sit in the parking lot so kids can “Trick or Treat” from Car-to-Car.

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SECOND GOSPEL Matthew 25:31-40 (Bible page 807)  
The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, chapter twenty-five, beginning with verse thirty-one.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup> and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup> And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup> And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’

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**Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S TIME: Pastor Larry

HYMN OF THE DAY: **Hymn #759 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”**

SERMON: Pastor Larry Cudmore

**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: Tim Hodgson

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.  
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me.

**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: #818, #677, #638

### 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 Almighty God, Father Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN: Hymn #535 "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"**  
(For those who read music, skip the repeats.)

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

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

say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup> Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is God's Word.

**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.

### FIRST GOSPEL Mark 10:13-16 (Bible page 822)

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, chapter ten, beginning with verse thirteen.

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup> But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup> And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.