



First Evangelical
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August 16, 2026

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME! Welcome into God's house and the fellowship of this congregation. We hope that you will be both comforted and challenged by God's Word for us today. If you are new to our community, we hope you will consider making this your church home. (*If you have questions about FELC, feel free to contact our leaders listed on the back of our bulletin.*) If you are already a member, be sure to extend a friendly greeting to those around you, starting with someone you don't know... yet :-). After the service we invite worshipers to enjoy some refreshments in our Fellowship Hall.

WORSHIP NOTES:

- ♦ **Bold printed words** indicate the congregation's responses.
- ♦ For families with young children, you're invited to take advantage of our worship activity bags for children located in the lobby. A nursery for children 4 and younger is located in Room #7 of the education wing down the hall past the main bathrooms.
- ♦ For those with hearing loss, we have hearing devices available at the Welcome Window; ask an usher for assistance.
- ♦ For those with eyesight issues, we have large print bulletins; ask an usher for one.
- ♦ If you have a moment, please sign the friendship pad in the pew and pass it to others in your pew.

WE PREPARE OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Michelle Hanson

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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Please observe silence in preparation for worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE LIFT OUR PRAYERS AND PRAISE TO GOD

INVOCATION

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

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

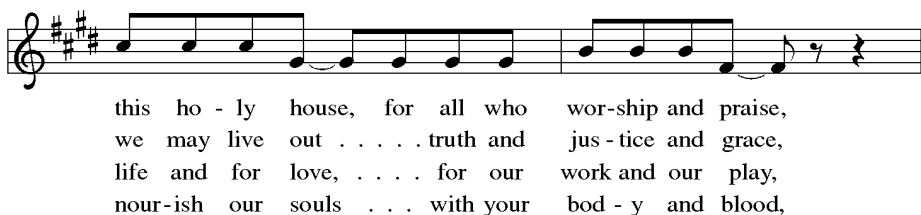
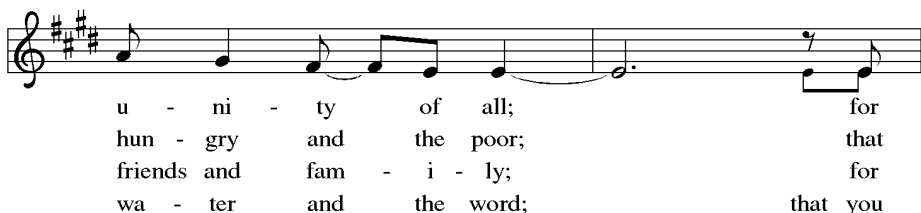
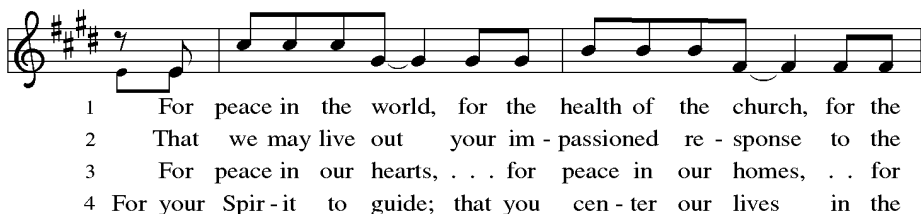
APOSTOLIC GREETING

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 (OPENING PRAYER)

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☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



① Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



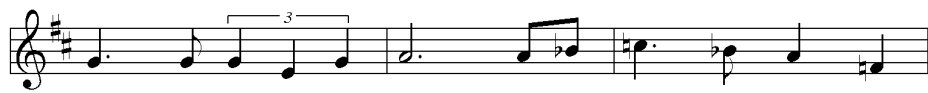
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



② Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,

and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

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WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON (*Pew Bible p. 599*)

Isaiah 56:1,6-8

Our first scripture reading is from the Old Testament, the book of the prophet Isaiah, chapter fifty-six, beginning with verse one.

¹ Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,

all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
 and hold fast my covenant—
⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain
 and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
 their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
 will be accepted on my altar,
 for my house shall be called a house of prayer
 for all peoples.
⁸ Thus says the Lord God,
 who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
 I will gather others to them
 besides those already gathered.

This is God's word.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON (*Pew Bible p. 921*) Romans 11:1-2a,29-32
 Our second lesson comes from the New Testament, the Apostle Paul's
 letter to the church in Rome, chapter eleven, beginning with verse
 one.

[Paul writes:] ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no
 means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a
 member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a} God has not rejected his peo-
 ple whom he foreknew.
²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as
 you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy
 because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been diso-
 bedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may
 now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience
 so that he may be merciful to all.

This is the word of God.
Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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THE HOLY GOSPEL (Pew Bible p. 797)

Matthew 15:10-28

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, chapter fifteen, beginning with verse ten.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁰ [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand.”¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.”¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?”¹³ He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted.”¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.”¹⁵ But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.”¹⁶ Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding?”¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer?”¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles.”¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.”²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.”²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.”²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.”²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.”²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.”²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs

that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her,
"Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."
And her daughter was healed from that moment.

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PASTOR MIKE KNAUFF

"A Seat at the Table"

SONG OF THE DAY

#612

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

THE SERMON

PASTOR MIKE KNAUFF

"A Stand Up Faith"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' 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 PEOPLE

(Each petition will conclude with "Lord in your mercy;" the congregation responds with "Hear our prayer.")

OFFERING

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“Crucified with Christ”

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OFFERTORY

CREATE IN ME

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.

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WE CELEBRATE OUR LORD'S SUPPER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night of His betrayal, 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.

After supper, He took the cup, 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.

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 believe those who receive the consecrated bread and wine receive Christ's body and blood and the forgiveness of sins. We invite all who are baptized and believe in Christ to join us in communing. 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. The serving station at the center of the altar rail is our hypoallergenic station with gluten-free wafers. Please return to your seats by a side aisle.

SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

#496 *"One Bread, One Body"*

#759 *"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

#518 *"We Eat the Bread of Teaching"*

#857 *"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

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

Amen.

CLOSING SONG

#434

"Jesus Shall Reign"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PENNY POWER: This month Penny Power will be providing food to those who are homebound through the Senior Citizen's Center Meals On Wheels program. Those receiving food see a friendly face each day and this service also provides a way for someone to check up on them. Thanks kids for making such a difference in Idaho Falls!

DREAM TEAM DELI NIGHTS: *STORIES, INSIGHTS, AND NEXT STEPS*: What did we hear? What did we learn? What opportunities emerged? Join us as we share the results of our Dream Team Deli Night conversations and discuss how these insights may help shape our life and ministry together. This two week adult forum, lead by Pastor Mike, began this morning and will conclude next week, August 23rd. We meet in the fellowship hall during the normal 9:00am Sunday School hour.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED! We are looking for additional people who are willing to assist during our Sunday services as communion assistants, liturgists, or serve on altar guild. If you feel called to serve in this capacity, please contact DiAnn Brown.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEEDS YOU! It takes a village to raise up our children in God's faith. We need volunteers who have a passion to teach God's word. Or maybe you just want to be an assistant to help satisfy our 'two deep' policy. Or are you more of a behind-the-scenes type? Whatever your gifts are, we have a way to serve our team. Contact Heather at 208-522-9301 or youth@firstlc.com for more information. Volunteer orientation will be held on August 23rd after church.

RALLY DAY (START OF SUNDAY SCHOOL): Sunday School fall start-up is just around the corner. Come celebrate the kickoff on August 30th at 9:00 am.

RALLY DAY PICNIC: BBQ AND POTLUCK! Join us after services on Rally Day, August 30th, for horse and carriage rides and games provided by Champ's Heart! More details to follow. Knickers, Rambo, Peggy Sue, Doc, and Stormy will be there. Will **YOU**?



HOW CAN WE 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 office@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: Donna Amundson; Tom Amundson; Charlotte Benson; Dean

Benson; Kevin Call; Carol Clark; Tracy Coburn; Devyn, Corden & Elias Cox; Wendy Cudmore; Dayna Dabauras; Laura Dean; Joan Douglas; Josephine Fife; Sharon Gilbert; Jo & Al Glissendorf; Diane Hackman; Steve Hammond; Grayson Hansen; Josie Holtz; Cathy Homberg; Ann Hurley; Lexi Jensen; Vickie John; Lynn Parshall Kinghorn; Mary Krippner; Pat Lance; Austin Leger; Allan Magnuson; Mike Martin; Adara McClure; Bob McGee; Tim Metcalf; Vicky Mickelson; Cal Miller; Wendy Morgan; Bob Neff; Josh Neis; Don Newman; Heidi Packer; Mary Pilkington; Mark Pischer; Priscilla Rainey; Patricia Richardson; Camille Ronnebaum; Julie Sagnimeni; Laura Schoonmaker; Jason & Kelly Smith; Joyce Stultz; Julie Sundberg; Kathy Tauscher; Deborah Vavra; Linn Watson; Chris Weaver; Joyce White; Daniel & Sarah Young

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES TO:

- ♦ Anne Mitchell and family upon the death of her husband, Dick Mitchell, on August 12th.
- ♦ Lisa Mullinix and family upon the death of Lisa's former husband, Mark Mullinix on July 2nd, and the death of Lisa's mother, Betty Benjamin on July 30th.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH	
[TODAY] SUNDAY 8/16/2026	
9:00 am	Dream Team: Next Steps - Fellowship Hall
10:15 am	Sunday Worship - Sanctuary
11:30 am	Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall
MONDAY 8/17/2026	
10:00 am	Staff Meeting - Library
2:00 pm	PEO Meeting - Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Council Meeting - Classroom #2
TUESDAY 8/18/2026	
9:00 am	Happy Stitchers - Fellowship Hall
10:30am-12pm	Happy Stitchers' Bible Study - Library
12:00 pm	Happy Stitchers' Picnic - Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Girl Scout Troop #930 - Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Financial Peace University - Library
WEDNESDAY 8/19/2026	
THURSDAY 8/20/2026	
10:00 am	Kaffeeklatsch - Library
7:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Team Meeting - Library
FRIDAY 8/21/2026	
10am-4pm	Friends in Stitches - Fellowship Hall
SATURDAY 8/22/2026	
SUNDAY 8/23/2026	
9:00 am	Dream Team: Next Steps - Fellowship Hall
10:15 am	Sunday Worship - Sanctuary
11:30 am	Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: Mary Hanek, Mary Pilkington

Liturgist: Deb Nowatzki

Communion Assistants: Natalie Meyer

Beth Nichols, DiAnn Brown

Ushers: Scott Berger, Tom Pilkington

Counters: Debra Holst, Beth Nicholas

Altar Guild: Marda Kirkwood & Diana Murphy

Collection Specialist: Andrew Swenson

Streaming Technician: Paul Bayless

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FELC LEADERSHIP

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Bookkeeper: Greg Stultz e-mail: bookkeeper@firstlc.com

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Choir Accompanist: Heidi Bessette.....

Praise Band Director: Steve Galbraith.....

Pastor Emeritus/Minister of Welcome: Pastor Larry Cudmore.....

Preschool Director: Barbara Carlson flpreschoolif@gmail.com

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

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Report of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Year to date Income thru July \$232,221; Year to date Expenses thru July \$227,990

Year to date net Cash Flow thru July \$4,232

Last Week's in Worship Attendance:128, Live Stream:43