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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME! A hearty welcome to all our guests! The addition of your praise and thanks to God heartens us all. If you are just passing through, we wish you godspeed. If you are looking for a church home, you will find a ready welcome here at FELC. After the service we invite worshippers 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.
- ♦ Please sign the friendship pad in the pew and pass it to others in your pew.

WE PREPARE OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Heidi Bessette

Please observe silence in preparation for worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

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

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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 PRAYERS AND PRAISE TO GOD

GATHERING SONG

#770

"Give Me Jesus"

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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Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

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WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON (*Pew Bible p. 594*)

Isaiah 51:1-6

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

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³ For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places

and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

SECOND LESSON (*Pew Bible p. 921*)

Romans 12:1-8

Our second lesson comes from the New Testament, the Apostle Paul's letter to the church in Rome, chapter twelve, beginning with verse one.

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in en-

couragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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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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.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL (Pew Bible p. 798)

Matthew 16:13-20

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, chapter sixteen, beginning with verse thirteen.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the

disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

SONG OF THE DAY

#652

“Built on a Rock”

THE SERMON

PASTOR MIKE KNAUFF

“More Than Just Body Parts”

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.”)

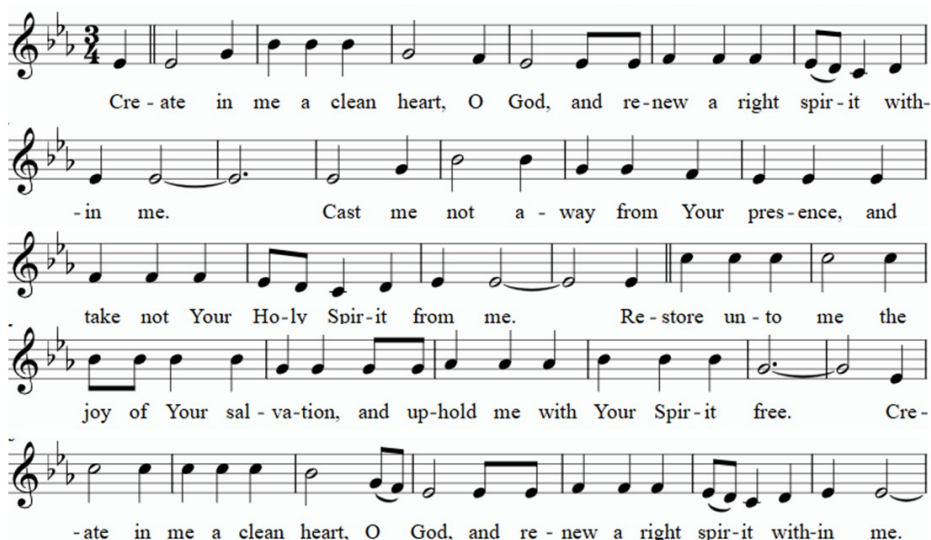
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WE CELEBRATE OUR LORD'S SUPPER

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 receiv-

ing 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

#596 *“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”*

#518 *“We Eat the Bread of Teaching”*

#623 *“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”*

#692 *“We Are an Offering”*

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

“Faith of Our Fathers”

#812

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!

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! Knickers, Rambo, Peggy Sue, Doc, and Stormy will be there. Will YOU?



IF YOUR LAST NAME BEGINS WITH:

A, C, E, T, Z

F, N, P, R

B, L, M, S, W, Y

I, G, H, J, K

O, D

Green / Fruit Salad

Pasta or Potato Salad

Side Dish/Chips

Dessert

Setup, Clean up & Kitchen Duties

ADULT FORUM BEGINS ON RALLY DAY: The Adult Forum will begin on Sunday, August 30, at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue to offer lessons that coordinate with the Sunday school lessons and the worship service lectionary. We will use the video series *That the World May Know* when the series covers the lesson. The video series is led by biblical scholar Ray Vander Laan. The lessons are scriptural, archeological, historical, and geographical tours of the Holy Lands. You will get to see the actual sites where the events happened. Bring your popcorn - and a friend!



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; 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; 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.
- ♦ Friends and family of Priscilla Rainey, who passed away on August 16th.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH	
TODAY 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
MONDAY 8/24/2026	
	No Staff Meeting
TUESDAY 8/25/2026	
9:00 am	Happy Stitchers - Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Nominating Committee Meeting
6:30 pm	Financial Peace University - Library
WEDNESDAY 8/26/2026	
5:00 pm	Praise Band Rehearsal
THURSDAY 8/27/2026	
10:00 am	Kaffeeklatsch - Library
FRIDAY 8/28/2026	
10am-4pm	Friends in Stitches - Fellowship Hall
SATURDAY 8/29/2026	
SUNDAY 8/30/2026	
9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
9:00 am	RALLY DAY Sunday School Kick-Off
9:00 am	Adult Forum
10:15 am	Sunday Worship - Sanctuary
11:30 am	11:30am King's Men Rehearsal - Sanctuary
11:30 am	RALLY DAY Church Picnic: BBQ & Potluck

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: **Diane & Lewis Murphy**
Reader: **Debra Hogg**
Communion Assistants: **Linda Lerum**
Diane Sheldon, Bev Thomas
Usher Coordinator: **Ryan Dixon**
Ushers: **Scott Berger, Greg Stultz**
Counters: **Greg & Kathy Katainen**
Altar Guild: **Marda Kirkwood & Ginny Conricode**
Collection Specialist: **Andrew Swenson**
Streaming Technician: **Paul Lerum**

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Report of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Year to date Income thru June \$213,121; Year to date Expenses thru June \$193,475
Year to date net Cash Flow thru June \$19,646
Last Week's in Worship Attendance:125, Live Stream:59