



First Evangelical
Lutheran Church
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August 30, 2026

Fourteenth 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.
- ♦ Please sign the friendship pad in the pew and pass it to others in your pew.

WE PREPARE OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Michelle Hanson

"I Worship You, Almighty God"

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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.

GATHERING SONG

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"For the Beauty of the Earth"

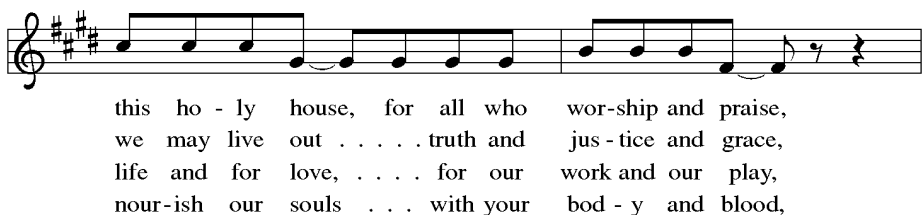
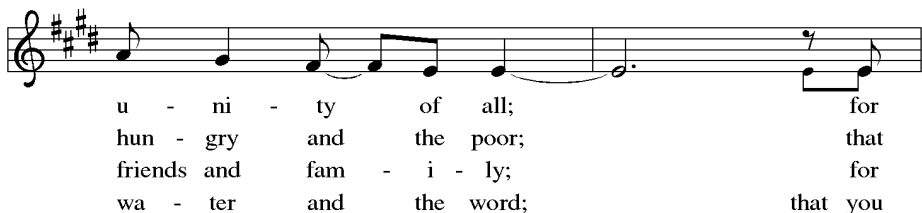
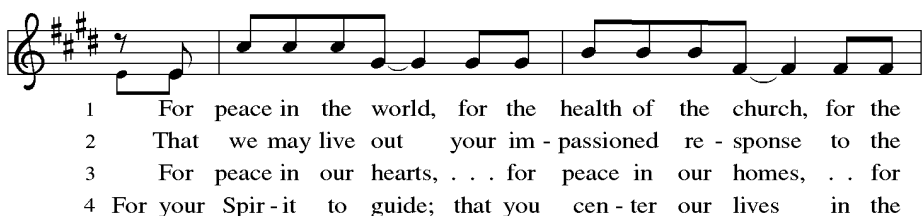
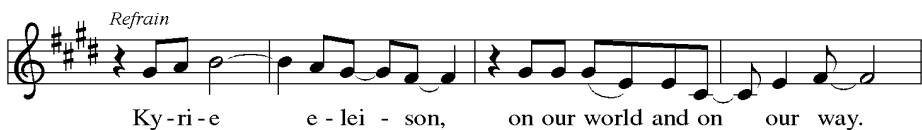
APOSTOLIC GREETING

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)

p. 184



WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON (*Pew Bible p. 626*)

Jeremiah 15:15-21

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

- ¹⁵ O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
- ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.
- ¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
- ¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.
- ¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.
- ²⁰ And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the LORD.
- ²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

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

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good;
¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

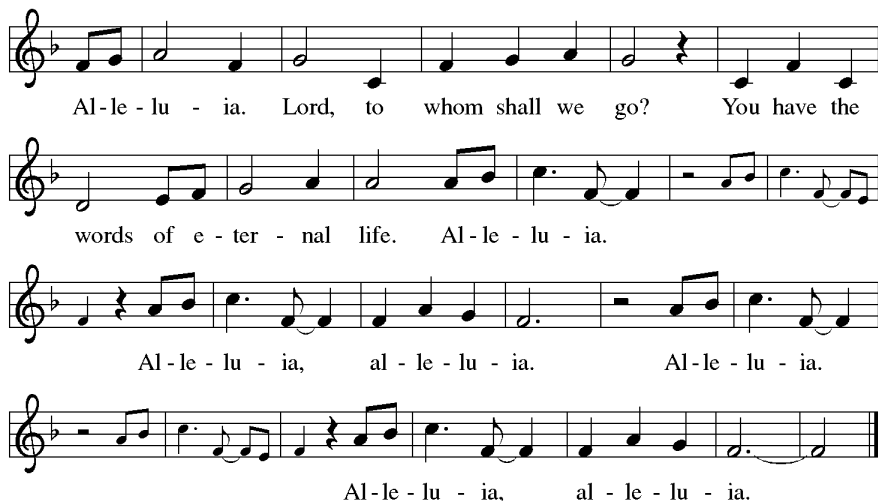
This is the word of God.

Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

p. 188



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
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THE HOLY GOSPEL (Pew Bible p. 798) Matthew 16:21-28

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, chapter sixteen, beginning with verse twenty-one.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ From that time on [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah], Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests

and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised.²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord!

This must never happen to you.”²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting

your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For

those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain

the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.”²⁸

Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEATHER CATANESE

“Wanted By God”

SONG OF THE DAY

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“Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”

THE SERMON

PASTOR LARRY CUDMORE

“You Talking to ME?”

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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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SPECIAL MUSIC

Julie Reinwald

"Simple Gifts"

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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



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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

#466 *“In the Singing”*

#655 *“Son of God, Eternal Savior”*

#518 *“We Eat the Bread of Teaching”*

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

#656

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

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.

ADULT FORUM: The Adult Forum will be held weekly at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will 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; Bailey Chamberlain; 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; Betty Smith; Jason & Kelly Smith; Joyce Stultz; Julie Sundberg; Kathy Tauscher; Deborah Vavra; Linn Watson; Chris Weaver; Joyce White; Daniel & Sarah Young

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES TO:

- ♦ Friends and family of Paul Bayless, whose father passed away on August 18th.
- ♦ Friends and family of Priscilla Rainey, who passed away on August 16th.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH	
 TODAY SUNDAY 8/30/2026	
9:00 am	RALLY DAY Sunday School Kick-Off
9:00 am	Adult Forum - Fellowship Hall
9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
10:15 am	Sunday Worship - Sanctuary
11:30 am	King's Men Rehearsal - Sanctuary
11:30 am	RALLY DAY Church Picnic: BBQ & Potluck
MONDAY 8/31/2026	
	No Staff Meeting
TUESDAY 9/1/2026	
9:00 am	Happy Stitches - Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Gathering in Grace Ladies' Bible Study - Library
6:00 pm	Girl Scout Troop #930 - Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal - Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Financial Peace University - Library
WEDNESDAY 9/2/2026	
5:00 pm	Praise Band Rehearsal - Sanctuary
THURSDAY 9/3/2026	
10:00 am	Kaffeeklatsch - Library
7:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Team Meeting - Library
FRIDAY 9/4/2026	
10am-4pm	Friends in Stitches - Fellowship Hall
SATURDAY 9/5/2026	
SUNDAY 9/6/2026	
9:00 am	Sunday School - Education Wing
9:00 am	Adult Forum - Fellowship Hall
9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
10:15 am	Sunday Worship - Sanctuary
11:30 am	King's Men Rehearsal - Sanctuary

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: Mary Hanek, Geri Magnuson

Reader: Marda Kirkwood

Communion Assistants: Cathi Bean, DiAnn Brown

Debra Holst, Shawn Cleverly, Debra Hogg, Diana Murphy

Usher Coordinator: Gary Holst

Ushers: Phil Forbord, Paul Worth

Counters: Lisa Swenson, Paul Bayless

Altar Guild: Marda Kirkwood, Jan Galbraith

Collection Specialist: Andrew Swenson

Streaming Technician: Paul Bayless

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FELC LEADERSHIP

MINISTERS: **All the Members of FELC**

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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: 131, Live Stream: 31