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JUNE 21, 2026 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/FATHER'S DAY

WELCOME! We're glad you are with us today on this 4th Sunday after Pentecost, a season when the Spirit continues to shape us as Christ's body in the world. Today we also mark Father's Day, giving thanks for fathers and father-figures, and for all who nurture, guide, protect, and love in ways that reflect God's own care for us. Whether you come today with gratitude, with longing, or with mixed emotions, you are welcome here. God meets us where we are, and through Word and Sacrament renews us in faith, hope, and love. 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 in our education wing.
- ◆ If you have a moment, please sign the friendship pad in the pew and pass it to others in your pew.
- ◆ 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.

WE PREPARE OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Michelle Hanson

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

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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.

“Let the Whole Creation Cry”

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,

Refrain



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



☐ 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.



☐ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - migh - ty 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;



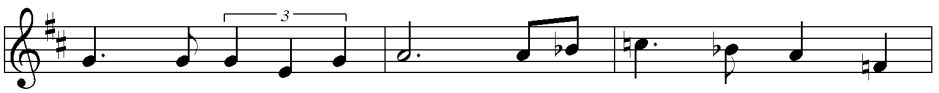
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ 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.

1 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
 2 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
 1 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 2 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.
 1 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
 2 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. 630)

Jeremiah 20:7-13

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

⁷ O LORD, you have enticed me,
 and I was enticed;
 you have overpowered me,
 and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.

⁸ For whenever I speak, I must cry out;
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.

⁹ If I say, "I will not mention him
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

¹⁰ For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.

"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him
and take our revenge on him."

¹¹ But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.

¹² O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous;
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³ Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

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

SECOND LESSON (*Pew Bible p. 917*)

Romans 6:1b-11

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

^{1b} Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, chapter ten, beginning with verse twenty-four.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:]²⁴ “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master;²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶ “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known.²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops.²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell.²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted.³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³² “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven,³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,

³⁶ and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷ “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me,³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**My Lord, what love is this that pays so dearly,
that I, the guilty one, may go free?**

Chorus

**Amazing love, oh, what sacrifice,
the Son of God giv'n for me;
my debt he pays and my death he dies,
that I might live, that I might live.**

**And so they watched him die, despised, rejected;
but, oh, the blood he shed flowed for me. (Chorus)**

**And now this love of Christ shall flow like rivers;
come, wash your guilt away, live again. (Chorus)**

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CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

DAVE MCDANIEL

MESSAGE/SPECIAL MUSIC

PASTOR MIKE KNAUFF

“Scars in Heaven”

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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 PEOPLE

(Each petition will conclude with “God of grace;” the congregation responds with “Have mercy and hear us.”)

OFFERING

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SPECIAL MUSIC

MICHELLE HANSON

“Word of God Speak”

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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

#769 "If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

#824 "This Is My Father's World"

#582 "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

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

Amen.

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

**OUR WORSHIP OF CHRIST IS ENDED
LET OUR SERVICE TO CHRIST BEGIN!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COUPLES CELEBRATING SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES!

- ◊ Paul & Donna Amundson - 70th on June 3rd
- ◊ Raff & Patti McDonald - 70th on June 16th

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS!

The office hours have changed for the summer. We will be open from 9 am to 2 pm Monday - Thursday.

PENNY POWER:

Penny Power for June will be given to the Wounded Blue/K-9 organization to be used to develop ways to help K-9 dogs and police horses recover from going through abusive situations in Law Enforcement circumstances. This month Penny Power will be used to purchase PEMF Therapy Mats for K-9s that have been in critical or disaster situations. These mats are currently in use for humans but veterinarians are finding the same benefits in dogs. Hoping to provide a mat for Idaho Falls Police, Bingham County Sheriff department and one for Idaho State Fire Marshals. You kids make a difference in the lives of animals and people!

FELC CHRISTIAN LEAGUE SOFTBALL TEAM-SEASON :

Sunday afternoon games have started and run through August with playoffs in September. We could still use a few players, 16 years old or older. If interested, contact Andrew Meng at 208-716-5625. Most games are played at Community Park (occasionally Tautphaus Park) ballfields. We'd love to have fans in the stands so please come and support us by cheering the team on at the games.

June 21st - Father's Day - No Game

DONATIONS FOR MAY FLOWERS:

Help beautify our church gardens! There is still time to contribute to refurbishing our church planters and flowerbeds. There is a flower pot in the narthex at the Welcome Window, or use a blue pew envelope and mark it “Church Gardens.” Thank you so much!

LUTHER HEIGHTS DAY CAMP THANK YOU!!

We had a great week with this year’s Day Camp! Thank you for all the people who helped make it possible by hosting and feeding our counselors and providing snacks for our campers!

FIREWORKS FUNDRAISER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Once again, FELC will be operating a fireworks ...illuminations stand, from June 26-July 4, as a church-wide fundraising opportunity. This has been very successful in past years due to the dedication of our church community. In the hopes of continued inter-generational participation, all hours of volunteered service will be applied to the ministry team of the volunteer’s choosing. This provides the opportunity for the individual ministry teams to participate and determine how to use the funds raised. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or contact Heather at youth@firstlc.com for more information.

FELC JULY 4TH PARADE ENTRY:

This year’s July 4th Parade is truly going to be special, celebrating the USA’s 250th birthday! A vast array of our community: schools, charities, businesses, and fellowship groups are going to be joining in the parade that celebrates our country’s quarter of a millennium birthday! Our congregation is hoping to be a visible participant in this auspicious occasion. Our Family Minister, Heather Catanese has volunteered to organize our entry but needs a few more people to help with the planning. Help us represent FELC with a float. This is open to families or anyone looking to represent our church in this community event. In addition to that, we need some “parade wavers” willing to provide a “Happy Face” representing “Sunnyside Lutherans” on the big day. Contact Heather if you can help plan or wave. :-)

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY:

Financial Peace University will be offered this summer at a discounted rate to the congregation! Classes will be held Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm beginning on July 14th, running until September 8th. ***Please register by July 6th*** to allow for materials to arrive before the class begins. Flyers can be found at the Welcome Window. Refer to the contact information on the flyer or speak with Julie at the church office for more information and to register.

DREAM TEAM DELI NITES:

Where is God leading FELC next? To begin answering that question, we're inviting the entire congregation to take part in a series of Wednesday evening gatherings called the FELC "Dream Team." Our first gathering, "Dream Team Deli: Build Your Own Hero Nite," will be a relaxed, welcoming space to share a meal and begin dreaming together about the future of our church. The meal itself reflects the spirit of the evening. As we build our own sandwiches, we'll be reminded that no single ingredient makes the whole sandwich. In the same way, no single voice will shape our future - but only together can we discern God's direction for FELC. This is not a meeting for a select few - it's an open invitation to anyone who cares about the life and future of our congregation. *Everyone who comes is part of the Dream Team.* The church will provide the basics (bread, meats, cheeses, mayo & mustard) for our "build-your-own hero" meal. We invite you to bring a sandwich topping (lettuce, tomato, bacon...), side dish, or dessert to share. Watch for details in upcoming bulletins for dates and times. As we look ahead, we do so with gratitude for where we've been, confidence in God's faithfulness, and hope for what is still to come.



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; Kären Bateman; Betty Benjamin (*Lisa Mullinix's mother*); Charlotte Benson; Dean Benson; Kevin Call; Tracy Coburn; Margaret Contor; Devyn, Corden & Elias Cox (*Cal Miller's family*); Wendy Cudmore; Dayna Dabauras; Laura Dean; Joan Douglas (*Bev Novak's sister*); Bobbie Eddie (*Barbara Carlson's father*); Troy Ellis (*son-in-law of Suzette and Bruce Horton*); Josephine Fife (*Julie Reinwald's mother*); Sharon Gilbert; Jo & Al Glissendorf; Jeanne Griffes-Koeplin; Diane Hackman; Steve Hammond; Grayson Hansen (*Cathi Bean's grandson*); Bill Hayes; Sue Hindman; Jose Holtz; Cathy Homberg (*Heather Catanese's sister*); Laura Hundley (*Dave & Diane Sheldon's daughter*); Ann Hurley; Lexi Jensen (*Rebecca Jackson's cousin*); Vickie John; Lynn Parshall Kinghorn (*Alecia Coburn's former mother-in-law*); Mary Krippner; Makyla Labrum (*friend of Dean Benson*); Pat Lance (*Cal Miller's Sister-in-Law*); Austin Leger (*Heather Catanese's son*); Allan Magnuson; Mike Martin; Adara McClure (*Jeannie Campbell's daughter*); Bob McGee (*Richard Magnuson's friend*); Tim Metcalf; Vicky Mickelson (*Becky Jackson's aunt*); Cal Miller; Dick Mitchell; Wendy Morgan (*Larry Hudman's sister*); Mark Mullinix, Bob Neff; Josh Neis; Don Newman (*Richard Magnuson's cousin*); Heidi Packer (*Cal Packer's niece*); Alicia Palmer; Mary Pilkington; Mark Pischer (*Cal Miller's son-in-law*); Priscilla Rainey; Patricia Richardson (*Dustin Jackson's aunt*); Camille Ronnebaum (*Kathy Katainen's friend*); Laura Schoonmaker; Jason & Kelly Smith (*Barbara Carlson's cousin*); Julie Sundberg; Scot Swenson (*Vernal & Jackie Swenson's son*); Kathy Tauscher; Deborah Vavra; Linn Watson (*Jacki Potter's mother*); Chris Weaver; Jane Winston; Daniel & Sarah Young; Ashley (*Anne Mitchell's granddaughter*);

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES TO:

- Geri Magnuson and family, upon the death of her brother-in-law, Tom Clark.
- Elaine Harris and family, upon the death of her brother-in-law, Terry Harris.
- Lisa Swenson and family, upon the death of her uncle, Allan Shelton.
- Barbara Carlson and family, upon the death of her cousin's son, Jeremy Smith.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING FOR NEW LIFE:

On Tuesday, June 9th at 8:45pm, Matthew & Jamie Cody (and older sibling Weston) welcomed June Margaret to their family (21 inches, 7 lbs. 15 oz.)

THIS WEEK AT FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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| TODAY SUNDAY 6/21/2026 - FATHER'S DAY | |
| 10:15 am | Sunday Worship - Sanctuary |
| 11:30 am | Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall |
| MONDAY 6/22/2026 | |
| 10:00 am | Staff Meeting - Library |
| TUESDAY 6/23/2026 | |
| 9:00 am | Happy Stitchers - Fellowship Hall |
| WEDNESDAY 6/24/2026 | |
| | |
| THURSDAY 6/25/2026 | |
| 10:00 am | Kaffeeklatsch - Library |
| FRIDAY 6/26/2026 | |
| 10am - 4pm | Friends in Stitches - Fellowship Hall |
| SATURDAY 6/27/2026 | |
| | |
| SUNDAY 6/28/2026 | |
| 10:15 am | Sunday Worship - Sanctuary |
| 11:30 am | Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall |

June 26 - July 4

FOURTH OF JULY FUNDRAISER

We will be located at 200 S Woodruff Ave

(in the Planet Fitness parking lot)

Hours of Operation:

June 26th - July 2nd | 10am - 10pm |

July 3rd and 4th | 10am - Midnight |

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: **Mary Hanek, Beth Nicholas**

Liturgist: **Deb Nowatzki**

Communion Assistants: **Diane Sheldon, Debra Hogg
Linda Lerum, Diana Murphy, Ginny Conricode**

Usher Coordinator: **Gary Holst**

Ushers: **Lisa Swenson, Tom Pilkington**

Counters: **Paul Bayless, Lisa Swenson**

Altar Guild: **Deb Nowatzki, Jan Galbraith**

Collection Specialist: **Andrew Swenson**

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Report of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Year to date Income thru May \$174,350; Year to date Expenses thru May \$154,382

Year to date net Cash Flow thru May \$19,968

Last Week's in Worship Attendance: 120, Live Stream: 38