



First Evangelical  
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June 28, 2026

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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**WELCOME!** One of the great thinkers of the church wrote long ago, “God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.” In this church, we try to preach, teach and live out this unique king of love. We succeed only partially, but God’s total forgiveness enables us to go on. We invite you to join us in our efforts at being a faithful church. 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.
- ◆ 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

Heidi Bessette

*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

#522

*“As We Gather at Your Table”*

## 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


*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;



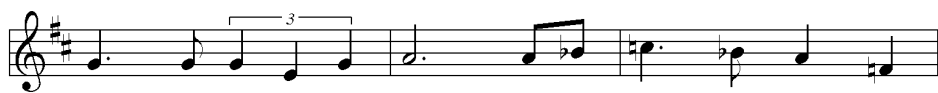
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ 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.

☐ 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.  
 I For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
 II 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.

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON (*Pew Bible p. 638*)

Jeremiah 28:5-9

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

<sup>5</sup> The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, <sup>6</sup> and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have

prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup> But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup> The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup> As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.”

This is God’s word.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM (*Pew Bible p. 475*)

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

Our Psalm for today is Psalm eighty-nine verses one through four and fifteen through eighteen. I invite the congregation to read it aloud with me.

**<sup>1</sup> I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;  
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all  
generations.**

**<sup>2</sup> I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;  
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

**<sup>3</sup> You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn to my servant David:**

**<sup>4</sup> ‘I will establish your descendants forever  
and build your throne for all generations.’ ”**

**<sup>15</sup> Happy are the people who know the festal shout,  
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance;**

**<sup>16</sup> they exult in your name all day long  
and extol your righteousness.**

**<sup>17</sup> For you are the glory of their strength;  
by your favor our horn is exalted.**

**<sup>18</sup> For our shield belongs to the LORD,  
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

This is God’s word.

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON (*Pew Bible p. 917*)

Romans 6:12-23

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

<sup>12</sup> Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their

desires. <sup>13</sup> No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup> What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted <sup>18</sup> and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

<sup>20</sup> When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup> So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



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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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

#629 "Abide with Me"

#887 "This Is My Song"

#777 "Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty"

## 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.**

CLOSING SONG

#676

*“Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak”*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

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

# ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

## **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS!**

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

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COUPLES CELEBRATING SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES!**

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

## **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY: SIGN UP BY NEXT WEEK!**

Financial Peace University will be offered this summer at a discounted rate (originally \$129 to only \$80) 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.

## **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**

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 28<sup>th</sup> - Community Park SW @ 4:30pm vs WS Gray**

## **FIREWORKS FUNDRAISER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

Once again, FELC is 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. :-)

## **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. **Please sign up on the Dream Team Deli display near the Welcome Window in the narthex.** If you'd like more information about the individual sessions please see the "Dream Team Deli" insert in the bulletin.

As we look ahead, we do so with gratitude for where we've been, confident in God's faithfulness, and hopeful for what is still to come.

### **SERVICE ON CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL**

The FELC Nominating Committee will be helping our congregation to mutually discern, through prayer, those that the Holy Spirit calls for service on the Council. One third of the Council's membership is replenished annually by election at the November congregational meeting. Our Council resolves consequential issues that deeply influence the life and ministry of our church. This week, and during the month of July, the worship bulletins will contain a nominating form suitable to write-in names of persons recommended for service on the Council. Contact Chris Brooks at (208) 881-3352 or cwbsrv@gmail.com with any questions.

### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED!**

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

### **MINISTRY TEAM BUDGET PROPOSALS DUE:**

All ministry teams need to have their 2027 budget proposals submitted to Natalie Meyer no later than August, 8th in order for the Finance Team to begin the annual budget process.



## 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](mailto: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-Koepplin; 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:**

- 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.
- Family and friends of Lois Beers, who died on Feb. 25th. Her graveside service @ Fielding Memorial Park cemetery, Idaho Falls was led by Pastor Mike on Sat. June 20th.
- Family and friends of Alicia Palmer, who died on June 20th. Her graveside service @ the VA cemetery in Blackfoot was led by Pastor Mike on Fri. June 26th.

### **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

| TODAY | SUNDAY 6/28/2026

10:15 am	Sunday Worship - Sanctuary
11:30 am	Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall

**MONDAY 6/29/2026**

**TUESDAY 6/30/2026**

9:00 am	Happy Stitchers - Fellowship Hall
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**WEDNESDAY 7/1/2026**

**THURSDAY 7/2/2026**

10:00 am	Kaffeeklatsch - Library
7:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Team Meeting

**FRIDAY 7/3/2026**

10am - 4pm	Friends in Stitches - Fellowship Hall
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**SATURDAY 7/4/2026**

**4th of July**

**SUNDAY 7/5/2026**

10:15 am	Sunday Worship - Sanctuary
11:30 am	Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	ERT & Shofar Meeting - Library

### 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: **Jan Galbraith, Geri Magnuson**

Reader: **DiAnn Brown**

Communion Assistants: **Cathi Bean, Elaine Bengston  
DiAnn Brown, Debra Holst, Carole Mason, Cheryl Swenson**

Usher Coordinator: **Ryan Dixon**

Ushers: **Scott Berger, Greg Stultz**

Counters: **Greg & Kathy Katainen**

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

Collection Specialist: **Andrew Swenson**

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### FELC LEADERSHIP

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**Praise Band Director:** Steve Galbraith.....

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

**Preschool Director:** Barbara Carlson ..... [flpreschoolif@gmail.com](mailto:flpreschoolif@gmail.com)

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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: 101, Live Stream: 55