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MAY 10, 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/MOTHER'S DAY

WELCOME: We pray that all will experience a warm welcome and experience the presence of the Lord in this house of worship. After the service we invite worshippers to enjoy refreshments in our fellowship hall.

WORSHIP NOTES:

- ◆ Today's service will use the liturgy known as "Now the Feast and Celebration" by Marty Haugen.
- ◆ **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

Please observe silence in preparation for worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness...

A brief silence is kept for a moment of reflection

Most merciful God,

We confess to you that 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

With joy, I proclaim to you that almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

WE LIFT OUR PRAYERS AND PRAISE TO GOD

GATHERING SONG

#398

“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

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

LEADER In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

CONGREGATION Lord, have mer - cy.

3rd time to Coda

CONGREGATION Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer -

LEADER
1 For the Reign of God, and for peace through - out the
2 For your peo - ple here, who have come to give you

CONGREGATION cy.

LEADER: 1 world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
 2 praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the

⊕ Coda

Help, save, and de - fend us, O

CONGREGATION

God,
 A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion.
 all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
 to the God of life and love and
 free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
 er - more!

Verse 1

Congregation or Congregation 1:

Now is the feast of the Lamb once

slain, whose blood has freed and u -

nit - ed us to be one great

peo - ple of God. *To refrain*

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and

might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ

for ev - er. *To refrain*

Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us,

to make us peo - ple of God; to make

all things new. *To refrain*

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON (*Pew Bible p. 902*)

Acts 17:22-31

Our first scripture reading is from the New Testament, the book of the Acts of the Apostles, chapter seventeen, beginning with verse twenty-two.

²² Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

²⁹ “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

This is God’s word.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON (*Pew Bible p. 985*)

1 Peter 3:13-22

Our second lesson comes from the New Testament, the Apostle Peter’s first letter, chapter three, beginning with verse thirteen.

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make

your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

This is the word of God.

Thanks be to God.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL (*Pew Bible p. 877*)

John 14:15-21

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, chapter fourteen, beginning with verse fifteen.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

“Loving Spirit”

THE SERMON

PASTOR MIKE KNAUFF

“Moms and Messes”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

Refrain

Congregation:



As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were



gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread;



so may all your peo - ple from all the ends of earth be



gath - ered in - to one in you.

Verses



- 1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
- 2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

To refrain

WE CELEBRATE OUR LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: Congregation:

The Lord be with you. And al - so with

you. Lift up your hearts. We

lift them to the Lord. Let us give

thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

Detailed description: This musical score is for the hymn 'The Great Thanksgiving'. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score is divided into parts for the Presider and the Congregation. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.' The music consists of five staves of treble clef notation. The first staff is for the Presider, and the second through fifth staves are for the Congregation. The piece ends with a double bar line.

THE PREFACE

It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God through Jesus Christ who by His death on the cross and glorious resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation. And so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the

Detailed description: This musical score is for the 'The Preface' section. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The score is for the Congregation. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the'. The music consists of three staves of treble clef notation. The piece ends with a double bar line.

One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

You are indeed holy, gracious, and merciful God; everything is filled with your glory. We give you thanks for Your promise and presence which have sustained the faithful in this and every generation. Above all, we give you thanks for Jesus, born of Mary, who in Word and deed announced your gentle rule of justice, reconciliation and peace.

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.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Remembering His command to love one another, His life and death, His resurrection and His ascension, we pray for His coming again, even as we cry;

Presider:
A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A -

Congregation:
men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A - men. Come, Lord

Je - sus. A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

Send now, we pray, Your Holy Spirit that all of Your promises may come to us and Your whole creation.

Presider:

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it. A -

Congregation:

men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it. A - men. Come, Ho - ly

Spir - it. A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and friend.

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. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please return to your seats by a side aisle.

LAMB OF GOD

Congregation:

Lamb of God,

Congregation or Assistant:

	you	take	a - way	the	sin	of	the
	* you	break	the	chains	of	ha - tred	and
	you	are	the	way	of	jus - tice	and
	you	are	the	way	of	mer - cy	and

Congregation:

world:
 fear: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
 peace:
 love:

Final time Cong. or assistant:

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:

take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

#781 *“Children of the Heavenly Father”*

#392 *“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”*

#668 *“O Zion, Haste”*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION SONG

SEE NEXT PAGE

Thanks Be to You

THE BENEDICTION

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

Amen.

SENDING SONG

#172

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

THANKS BE TO YOU

Congregation:



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
2. From of old you loved and sought us:

Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice

weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -
mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

3. Praise to you O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
Thanks be to you for ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PENNY POWER: The Penny Power focus for May will go to the Humanitarian Center to provide hygiene kit supplies to give out to those in need.

FIRST COMMUNION: Today we welcome to the Lord's table Wyatt Sullivan, who has completed his communion instruction with Pastor Mike. We congratulate him on this milestone in his faith journey, and pray he will continue to treasure and take advantage of this spiritual nourishment.



FELC CHRISTIAN LEAGUE SOFTBALL TEAM: Sunday afternoon games have started. Playoffs are in September, and games are played at the Community Park (occasionally Tautphaus Park) ballfields. You must be 16 or older, but no age is too old and any experience is welcome! We are still looking for players! For more information, call or text **Andrew Meng** at **208-716-5625**. We'd love to have fans in the stands so please come and support us by cheering the team on at the games.
May 10th—Mother's Day—No Game Today

INQUIRER'S CLASS - CONTINUING TODAY: FELC's new member/inquirer's class continues today and will continue through Sunday, June 7th. It meets during the Sunday School hour in the church library.

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!

MUSIC SUNDAY: Sunday, May 17th we will thank God for our music groups as we enjoy their final performances before taking a well-earned break for summer. Speaking of summer and music, we'd love to keep the "Praising God" aspect of our mission statement active with special music. If you are interested in offering special music vocally, instrumentally or both, please contact our Music Director, Michelle Hanson, at musicdirector@firstlc.com.

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday, May 17th will be our last Sunday School session until Fall. We invite young and old to help us celebrate another great year of "Sharing Jesus." We've got some fun snacks and (weather permitting) outdoor activities planned, so wear your outdoor clothes. We want to appreciate and honor our youth and adults who have made this year a wonderful year of growth in faith. A special thanks to our teaching staff for sharing their time, wisdom, and hearts so generously. We couldn't do it without you and you make an everlasting difference!

JOIN US FOR THE *BIRTHDAY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH*: Pentecost Sunday, May 24th, is often referred to as the birthday of the Christian Church because it's the day the Holy Spirit was poured out on Christ's timid disciples hiding in an upper room and transformed them into bold proclaimers of the gospel that went out into the entire world. The congregation is invited to wear **RED** for the *red-letter day* of the "birthday of the church."

ADULT FORUM: Sunday School's Adult Forum will have its last session on Sunday, May 24th, before the summer break. We will cover Peter's Sermon at Pentecost.

2026 LCMC INTERMOUNTAIN WEST DISTRICT GATHERING: Join us on May 30 from 10am—4pm for the 2026 Intermountain West District Gathering hosted at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Sandy, UT. This

year's Gathering theme is "Where Does Our Help Come From." The LCMC Intermountain West District wants you to know there is not only hope, but opportunities for you and your church's Christian ministry in these unique times and setting. Come join us for a time of fellowship, worship, and learning from several Christian leaders "out there in the trenches." **Julie Smith, LCMC Service Coordinator, is the keynote speaker.** Scan QR code for tickets and additional information.



I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. (Psalm 121:1-2 NIV)

LICENSE-FREE FISHING: Saturday, June 13th the Men's Ministry is organizing a "Go Fish" outing for young and old alike. Details are still being worked out but we hope to gather at a member's house near the Snake River to enjoy a family-friendly day of fishing, cycling, and picnicking. Watch for the details and sign-up sheet soon to be posted at the Welcome Window.

SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: Parents, please be aware as you make your summer plans for your youth that FELC offers scholarships for youth attending Christian camps.

LUTHER HEIGHTS DAY CAMP: The Luther Heights Day Camp dates for FELC are June 15-19, 2026. It's time to start thinking about day camp! Registration is open; scan the QR code for more details.



STEPHEN MINISTRY: We commissioned our newly trained Stephen Ministers on April 19th. FELC is blessed to have a Stephen Ministry program, which provides a trusted ministry of care, walking alongside individuals who are experiencing grief, loss, illness, or other life challenges. Through prayer, listening, and compassionate presence, Stephen Ministers reflect Christ's love in tangible ways. We ask the congregation to please pray for them as they begin this meaningful work. Additionally, please consider if you or someone you know might benefit from having a Stephen Minister. If so, please talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders, Pastor Mike or Annick Dixon.

**FELC's Annual Rummage Sale will be held
on June 6th from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm!**

Start collecting your clean and sellable stuff!
We want your unneeded items!

We especially need children's clothes,
children's items and toys.

*(Please, NO mattresses, cribs,
car seats or televisions.)*



Ways to Help:

*Profits from
the sale are
designated to:*

*50% to
Champ's Heart*

*50% to FELC to
split between
Family Ministry &
Happy Stitchers*

- ◆ Setup on Sunday, May 31st following worship.
- ◆ Donating your clean, usable items.
- ◆ Helping to sort and price items May 31- June 5. We have so much fun!
- ◆ Help in coordinating donations of leftover items. (Transportation to charities will be needed.)
- ◆ Help to pickup items from donor's homes. (Trucks and muscles are needed.)
- Supporting: Healthy snacks and water bottles make a happy crew.
- ◆ Come and shop on June 6th!
- ◆ Help with tear down on June 6th at 2:00 pm.
- ◆ Prayers for all the volunteers and their busy week!

Thank you ahead of time!
The "Tri-captains": Deb, Sheryl & Wendy

**Setup will be on Sunday, May 31st after worship in the fellowship hall.
Donation drop off days will be:**

- ◆ May 31-June 4, 9am-4pm; June 5, 9am—noon
- ◆ If daytime drop-off does not fit your schedule, please text or leave a voicemail for Chris at 208-360-2417
- ◆ Donation pickup can also be scheduled with Chris at 208-360-2417.

Help will be needed all throughout the week
cleaning and sorting items.

Those who may not be able to help in person can help with donating food
and various items we may need during the week.

***Remember: many hands make light work and many minds
make fewer mistakes!***

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: Michelle Cleverly, Jan Galbraith

Liturgist: Steve Galbraith

Communion Assistants: Diane Sheldon, Shawn Cleverly

DiAnn Brown, Cathi Bean, Deb Nowatzki

Usher Coordinator: Dave Sheldon

Ushers: Phil Forbord, Paul Worth

Counters: Phil & Tessa Forbord

Altar Guild: Marda Kirkwood, Debra Holst

Collection Specialist: Andrew Swenson

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Report of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Year to date Income thru March \$92,327; Year to date Expenses thru March \$92,740

Year to date net Cash Flow thru March -\$413

Last Week's in Worship Attendance: 133, Live Stream: 89