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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

"Come Christians, Join to Sing"

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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

#861

“When Long before Time”

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.

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.

3rd time to Coda

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*

“YOU ARE MINE”

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WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON (*Pew Bible p. 884*)

Acts 1:6-14

Our first scripture reading is from the New Testament, the book of the Acts of the Apostles, chapter one, beginning with verse six.

⁶ When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

This is God's word.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON (*Pew Bible p. 986*)

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

Our second lesson comes from the New Testament, the Apostle Peter's first letter, chapter four, beginning with verse twelve.

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of

Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you...

⁵ ⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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. 879*)

John 17:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, chapter seventeen, beginning with verse one.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, pro-

fect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

FOR HIS GLORY RINGERS

“HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION”

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THE SERMON

PASTOR MIKE KNAUFF

“Christ’s Ascension: Faith Without Boundaries”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS

GRACE NOTE CHOIR

“I THANK YOU, LORD”

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OFFERTORY

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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



To refrain

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

WE CELEBRATE OUR LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Presider:

Congregation:

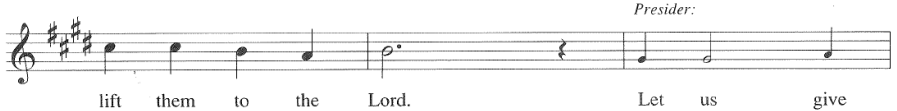
The Lord be with you. And al - so with



Presider:

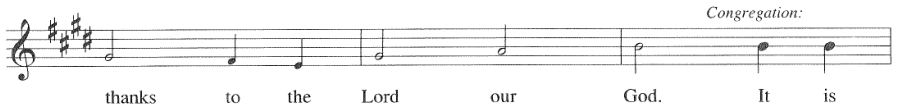
Congregation:

you. Lift up your hearts. We



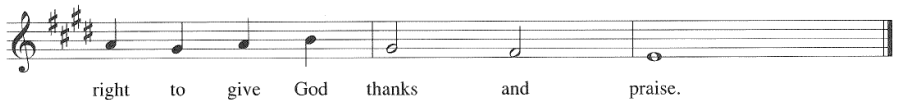
Presider:

lift them to the Lord. Let us give



Congregation:

thanks to the Lord our God. It is



right to give God thanks and praise.

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
 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.

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

- #657 "Rise, O Sun of Righteousness"
- #822 "Oh, Sing to the Lord"
- #461 "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

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

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!

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!

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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.

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 17th — Community Park SE field @ 4:30 vs Bridge Purple

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: Today we 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: Today will be our last Sunday School session until Fall. We appreciate 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** next week for the *red-letter day* of the "birthday of the church."

ADULT FORUM: Sunday School's Adult Forum will have its last session next 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.



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; 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*); Josephine Fife (*Julie Reinwald's mother*); Sharon Gilbert; Jo & Al Glissendorf; Jeanne Griffes-Koeplin; Diane Hackman; Steve Hammond; Bill Hayes; Sue Hindman; Jose Holtz; Cathy Homberg (*Heather Catanese's sister*); Ann Hurley; Lexi Jensen (*Rebecca Jackson's cousin*); Vickie John; Lynn Parshall Kinghorn (*Alecia Coburn's former mother-in-law*); Mary Krippner; Daniel Lance (*Cal Miller's brother-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; Vicki Mickelson (*Becky Jackson's aunt*); Cal Miller; Dick Mitchell; Wendy Morgan (*Larry Hudman's sister*); Bob Neff; Josh Neis; Don Newman (*Richard Magnuson's cousin*); Alicia Palmer; Mary Pilkington; Mark Fischer (*Cal Miller's son-in-law*); Priscilla Rainey; Patricia Richardson (*Dustin Jackson's aunt*); Cindy Robello; Laura Schoonmaker; 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

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING FOR RESTORED HEALTH: Steve Galbraith; Randy Kay; Joyce White

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: **Mary Hanek, Mary Pilkington**

Liturgist: **Deb Nowatzki**

Communion Assistants: **Natalie Meyer, Elaine Bengston**

Ginny Conricode, Diane Murphy, Debra Hogg

Usher Coordinator: **Richard Magnuson**

Ushers: **Geri Magnuson, Tom Pilkington**

Counters: **Paul Bayless, Lisa Swenson**

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 April \$118,665; Year to date Expenses thru April \$124,042

Year to date net Cash Flow thru April -\$5,377

Last Week's in Worship Attendance: 146, Live Stream: 23