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NOVEMBER 15, 2026 TWENTY-FIFTH 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.
- 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

Please observe silence in preparation for worship.

PRELUDE MICHELLE HANSON

"*All Things Bright and Beautiful*"

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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 #870

"We Praise You, O God"

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



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℣ 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- might - y 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;



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SPECIAL MUSIC — GRACE NOTE CHOIR

"Songs of Thanksgiving"

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WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON *(Pew Bible p. 765)* — Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

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

7 Be silent before the Lord God, for the day of the Lord is at hand!
The Lord has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated his guests… 12
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people who settle like dregs in wine,
those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he

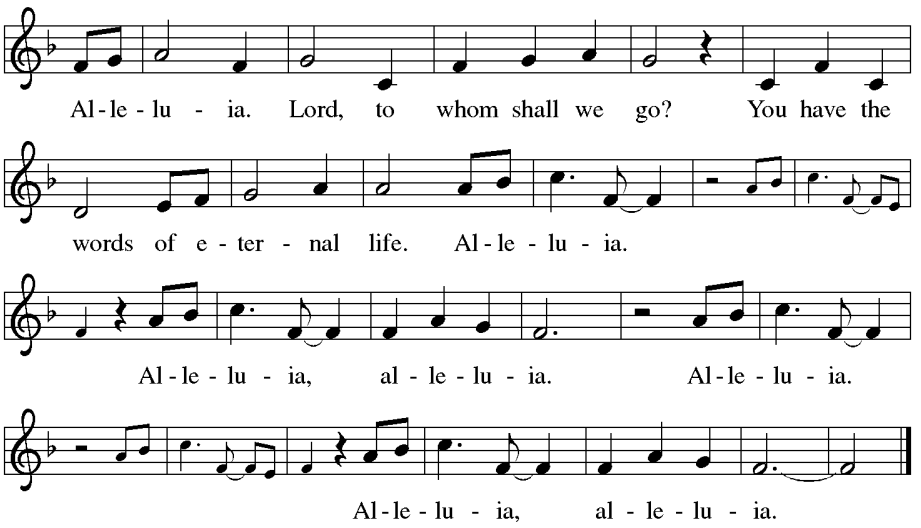
do harm." [13] Their wealth shall be plundered and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. [14] The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter; the warrior cries aloud there. [15] That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, [16] a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. [17] I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust and their flesh like dung. [18] Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed, for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

SECOND LESSON *(Pew Bible p. 960)* 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Our second lesson comes from the New Testament, the Apostle Paul's first letter to the church in Thessalonica, chapter five, beginning with verse one.

[1] Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. [2] For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3] When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! [4] But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; [5] for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. [6] So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, [7] for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. [8] But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9] For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

This is the word of God.
Thanks be to God.
Please stand, as you are able, for the reading of the Gospel.



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THE HOLY GOSPEL (Pew Bible p. 807) Matthew 25:14-30

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, chapter twenty-five, beginning with verse fourteen.

Glory to you, O Lord.

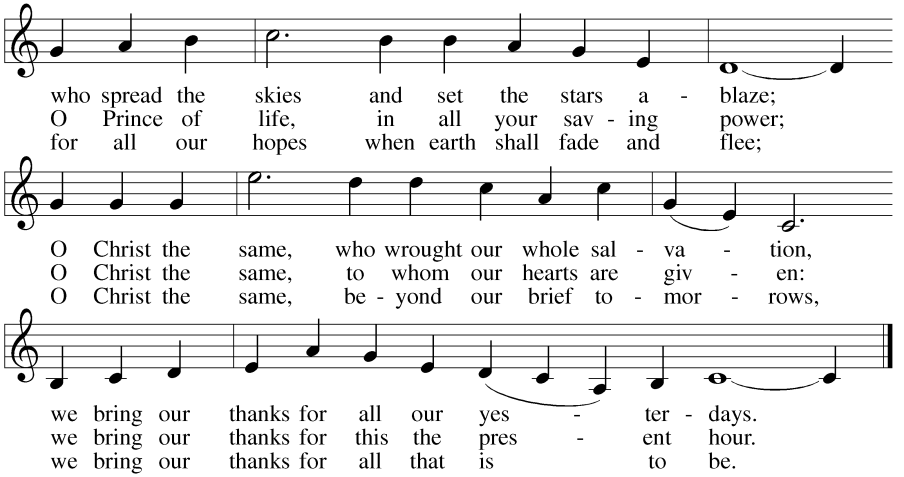
[Jesus said to the disciples:] 14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once 16 the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24 Then the one who had received the one talent

also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, [25] so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' [26] But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? [27] Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. [28] So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29] For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30] As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

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

SONG OF THE DAY *"O Christ the Same"*





THE SERMON — PASTOR MIKE KNAUFF

"Faith vs Fear - Both Require Risk Taking"

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.

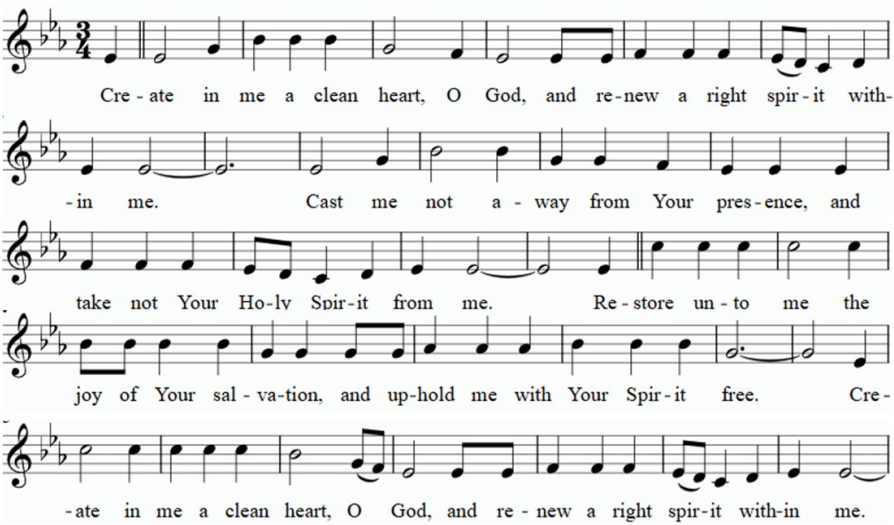
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
(Each petition will conclude with "Lord in your mercy;" the congregation responds with ***"Hear our prayer."****)*

OFFERING *(See back of bulletin for* **QR** *giving code)*

OFFERTORY MUSIC MICHELLE HANSON
"*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*"
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray, Gracious God
We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, our talent and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

#707 *"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"*
#853 *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"*
#829 *"Have You Thanked the Lord?"*

Post-Communion Blessing

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

The Benediction *"Go Now in Peace"*

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love
Amen, Amen, Amen.

Dismissal

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

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED
LET THE SERVICE BEGIN!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PENNY POWER: Since 2008, the LCC K9 Comfort Dog Ministry has brought comfort and encouragement through trained Golden Retrievers, always at no cost. Through Penny Power, First Lutheran supports four Comfort Dogs who traveled to Bend, Oregon, after tragedy struck, sharing their love and calming presence with those in need. Even our smallest gifts can make a big difference! Thank you for supporting Penny Power and helping this ministry bring comfort where it's needed most.

CHILI COOK OFF; A BOWL-FUL SUCCESS! On Saturday, October 31st FELC hosted a first in a long time Chili Cook Off and it was such a bowl-ful success we hope to make it an annual event! Our thanks to the more than 30 people that turned out to be our taste testing voters and a special thank you to our ten extremely creative chefs who submitted their entries – from "plain old chili," to special ingredients like crayfish, roasted corn, or barbeque chicken, there was no lack of flavor... and for one entry, no lack of HEAT (*you know who you are!*)… Congrats to our first, second and third prize winners: Barb Brooks, Natalie Meyer, and Matthew Adler, respectively.

TRUNK OR TREAT THANK YOU: FELC's annual Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 31st was a big success! We estimate we had at least 250 kids and their families come through our parking lot in various outfits enjoying free treats, fun games, and buggy rides. Our thanks to the congregation that so graciously donated enough candy to generously supply treats to so many cute and eager children. We couldn't have carried this off without 15 different families who were not only willing to donate and decorate their Trunks for the occasion but also host some of the games our Family Minister, Heather Catanese, had provided. We pray you were richly blessed by the smiles you brought to the children of our community. A special thank you to Pr. Larry Cudmore for providing buggy (and train) rides for children and their families. One heartwarming quote was heard from a preschooler heading back to their car with their family "This was the best Trunk or Treat EVER!"

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Thank you to the nearly 120 people who attended our Congregational Meeting last Sunday following worship! With more than enough voting members in attendance to fulfill our quorum the congregation was able to complete several business items that will strengthen FELC's ministry for the immediate future. The first item of business was the approval of last year's annual congregational meeting minutes which passed easily. The second item was the need to select members to serve on council for a three year term and officers for a one year term. Our thanks to the Nominating Committee whose diligent work paid off in providing an excellent slate of candidates. We also appreciate Lisa Mullinix for being willing to accept a nomination from the floor to serve on council for a three year term, and as Congregational Treasurer for a one year term. All the nominees were elected by an overwhelming majority. Council officers elected for a one year term: **President: Clinton Dahlberg; Vice President: Bud Langerak; Secretary: Chris Brooks; Treasurer: Lisa Mullinix.** Council members elected for a three year term (2026-2029): **Patricia Christenson, Clinton Dahlberg, Bud Langerak, Lisa Mullinix, and Chris White**. Our heartfelt thanks to **Lisa Swenson, Natalie Meyer, and Beth Nicholas** as they conclude their council service. We are grateful for the time, care, and faithful leadership you have shared with our church family. The final item of business was voting on the proposed 2027 FELC Budget. After a short presentation and an opportunity to ask questions the proposed budget was passed with an overwhelming voice vote. (if you were unable to explore the 2027 budget it is available to view online at firstlc.com/news-and-upcoming-events.) Our thanks to our Fellowship Team for the set up, serving, and clean up of a wonderful meal, and to our many members and their culinary skills for providing side dishes and delicious desserts.

JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY FOR A GUEST PREACHER ON CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY: **Christ the King Sunday** marks the final Sunday of the Church Year. The Church year began with the promise of Christ's coming and now concludes with the joyful proclamation that **Christ reigns over all creation.** We'll lift our voices in praise to Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who

reigns in glory and grace. Together we'll look forward to the coming Advent season, when we again await our King's return in glory. We hope you will join us as we welcome a guest preacher, Rev. Susan Westland. Rev. Westland earned her Master of Divinity from Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN and was ordained into the LCMC (Lutheran Churches in Mission for Christ) after receiving a call to Shepherd of the Falls Lutheran Church, American Falls, ID. After serving Shepherd of the Falls she went on to serve as Associate Pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran, Sandy, UT, and most recently served Victory Lutheran, Mesa, AZ. Rev. Westland is now retired and living in Tooele, UT with her husband, Rick.

"HANGING OF THE GREENS" NEXT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22nd:

Following next Sunday's service we're looking for people to help us prepare FELC for the season of Advent and the joy of Christmas! Our annual Hanging of the Greens is an opportunity to come together, enjoy fellowship, and fill our worship space with the beauty of the season as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Christ's birth. Many hands make light work, and we'll need plenty of help putting up the Christmas tree and decorating the church. Whether you have a gift for arranging decorations or simply a willingness to lend a hand, we'd love to have you join us on **November 22nd** after the service! Let's make the season bright together!

RCCM COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE: The Regional Council for Community Ministry (RCCM), which FELC is an active participant, will be hosting an interfaith Thanksgiving service next Sunday, November 22nd at 4:00 pm at the Food Basket Distribution Center Chapel located at 351 W 14th St, Idaho Falls. It will be followed with a coffee and dessert fellowship hour. Let us gather with our neighbors in faith to give thanks to our God for the blessings our neighborhoods and nation enjoys.

HOPE LUTHERAN "ART, HEART, AND HARVEST" PROJECT:

The students of Hope Lutheran School recently decorated a member's bumper crop of butternut squash as a way to share their talents, the local harvest, and hopefully the good news of Jesus Christ. A display in the Fellowship Hall of the artful squash has an

accompanying gift bag with a New Testament copy of the Gospel of John. It's free for you to take home, share with a friend, or neighbor. You're invited to enjoy it as a Thanksgiving decoration or as part of a festive harvest meal. *The butternut squash is delicious but make sure you remove the artwork before making it part of your meal.* Hope Lutheran School is part of Hope Lutheran Church, which is a member of the national denomination the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS), *not be confused with FELC's national affiliation with the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC).* Hope Lutheran School is an accredited "Classical Academy" for children preschool to eighth grade located here in Idaho Falls.

THE VINE & PAGES CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB: Looking for a wonderful opportunity to connect with other women, grow in faith, and enjoy good books? Join The Vine & Pages Christian Book Club, a new Women's Ministry gathering open to all adult women. We'll meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM at the home of Heather Catanese. Each month, we'll select a book written by a Christian author, giving everyone a month to read before we gather for discussion, fellowship, and a glass of wine. Bring a light snack to share and come ready to exchange ideas, encouragement, and recommendations for future books. For location information or to RSVP, please contact Heather by call or text at (208) 521-2565 or email mrs.catanese@gmail.com. *If interest is strong, we may start a second group that meets another evening to accommodate more participants.*

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION AND FELLOWSHIP DINNER: On Sunday, December 6th during the worship service we will receive three families into membership at FELC. That evening, Sunday, **December 6th from 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm** we will host a welcome dinner for our new families. New members, council, staff, ministry teams and members are invited to join us for an evening of food, fellowship, and a warm welcome to our newest church members! In order to facilitate this event, we are asking for help in the following ways: **Council and staff** please bring soup, **Ministry teams members** please bring a side dish, and general **Members** please bring a dessert *(A survey of our new member class indicated their favorite desserts are brownies, ice cream, cheesecake,*

and carrot cake.) While you're here, have your photo taken or updated for the church directory. Newly elected council members, remember we'll need your photos for the fellowship hall's wall display for current council members!

PAGEANT PROP - PREP - PARTY! The Family Ministry team is very excited about this year's Christmas Pageant "Breaking News from Bethlehem!" based on Matthew's Gospel account of the birth of Christ. Sunday, November 29th will be our Pageant Prep Party where we give youth an overview of the script and solicit volunteers for parts in the pageant. We're also asking for adult volunteers to help behind the scenes as we prepare backdrops, props and figure out costumes. Rehearsals are during the Sunday school hour on Sunday, December 6th & 13th with a final dress rehearsal on Sunday, December 20th. Our pageant presentation will be during the worship service on Sunday December 20th. So come, all you faithful! We need so "many hands making light work" of a big production full of music, acting, props, and costumes, so that our children can joyfully retell the birth of our Lord and Savior.

NALC ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKS: Our national denomination, the North American Lutheran Church (NALC), has provided their member congregations with a digital download daily devotional for the season of Advent starting with the First Sunday in Advent, November 29th. Our office administrator has reconfigured the digital version into a large print booklet. You can pick one up at the Welcome Window. If you're looking for an easy-reading Lutheran devotional to help you keep Christ in Christmas, this is an excellent resource! Share one with a friend or neighbor. (Drop Julie a note at her desk or office@firstlc.com if you would like a copy and they run short!)

ADVENT OFFERINGS: This year the Advent Offerings collected during the midweek Advent services and the Christmas Music Celebration service, will be given to the Idaho Falls Rescue Mission (IFRM). The IFRM works to meet the needs of the hungry, homeless, and hopeless. Each program they offer is designed to meet the needs of the men, women, and children who come through their doors.

FELC PRESENTS: A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION: Celebrate the joy of Christ's birth through music! Under the direction of Michelle Hanson, FELC's four music groups—the Grace Note adult choir, For His Glory Ringers, the King's Men, and the FELC Praise Band—will come together for an uplifting Christmas Concert. Join us in FELC's sanctuary on **Sunday, December 13, at 4:30 p.m.** as we continue a cherished tradition of gathering our church and community to celebrate our newborn King, Jesus Christ. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to share in this joyful afternoon of Christmas music. An offering will be received to support the **Idaho Falls Rescue Mission**.

SHARE THE JOY OF GIVING - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! FELC has been invited to volunteer again at **The Giving Machine!** Last year's volunteers found it an uplifting and rewarding way to serve our community, and we'd love for you to join us. FELC's assigned day to help with The Giving Machine is Tuesday, **December 29th from 10:00 am – 3:30 pm.** We need **20 volunteers for the full 5½ hours or 40 volunteers for approximately 3-hour shifts.** Volunteers must be **16 or older**. Opportunities include assisting donors at the machines, taking photos with donors' phones, managing lines, sorting and restocking donation cards, handing out Giving Machine items, serving refreshments, and providing back-up support. Training videos will be provided for machine guides, and an onsite manager will be available to help. Cookies are provided, too! **To volunteer, contact Kären Bateman or the church office.** Come help us share the joy of giving!

THE ADVENT SEASON BEGINS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH
It's beginning to look a lot like… Advent.

Christmas is coming. Advent reminds us there's meaning in the meantime. The calendar is filling up, the shopping lists are growing, and Christmas has probably already taken over a few aisles at your favorite store. But beginning **Sunday, November 29**, we're making room for Advent - a season of waiting, watching, preparing, and praying. We'll prepare our hearts to celebrate Jesus' birth and look forward to his promised return. And somewhere between the errands and the wrapping paper, we'll practice slowing down long enough to remember who we're celebrating.

The Great Exchange: Heaven's Greatest Gift. Grandma's Best Recipe

Join us on Wednesday evenings for the beautiful **Holden Evening Prayer** service as Pastor Mike explores this year's Advent theme, **"The Great Exchange."** At Christmas, God gives us his Son, who takes what is ours and gives us what is his - a gift we could never earn, wrapped in grace. Over three weeks, we'll explore the exchange we could never make for ourselves, the gift God freely gives, and how receiving his love changes what we have to share. And because some exchanges involve a little more butter and sugar, we'll also have some fun with Christmas cookies. Favorite recipes, familiar traditions, and the stories behind them give us another reason to linger around the table. Come for soup, stay for worship, and see what cookies have to do with **The Great Exchange.**

Help Us Light the Way

We're looking for individuals and families to read and light the Advent wreath during worship. This year's readings follow the Germanic tradition of the Prophet, Bethlehem, Shepherds, and Angel candles. Sign up at the **Welcome Window** if you'd like to help. While you're there, pick up an **FELC Advent Devotional Booklet**. It includes the candle readings, encouragement for the season, and ideas for meaningful traditions at home. Take an extra to share with a friend, neighbor, or family member.

Your Crockpot's Moment Has Arrived!

Our simple soup suppers are back! Dust off those crock pots, find your favorite recipes, and join us for a warm meal before worship.

Wednesdays, Dec
ember 2, 9 & 16
Soup & Bread |6:30 pm|
Holden Evening Prayer |7:15 pm|

Advent worship offerings will support the **Idaho Falls Rescue Mission**.
Come hungry. Bring a friend.
Give yourself a little room to breathe in Christ and exhale the chaos.

Sew Much Love for Our Graduates!

Graduation is a big milestone, and the Happy Stitchers would love to send our graduating seniors into their next chapter wrapped in love! Each eligible senior is invited to receive a personalized queen-size quilt, lovingly designed and sewn by our quilting group.

Who is eligible?

You must be graduating from high school in **2027**, and you, your parent, guardian, or grandparent must be a **voting member of FELC**.

Ready to get stitched into the plans?

- **November–December 2026:** Submit your name to the office administrator.
- **January 1, 2027:** The Happy Stitchers will mail you a letter requesting your favorite colors and Bible verse.
- **February 1, 2027:** Return your completed letter by this date. Because each quilt takes time to create, **requests cannot be accepted after February 1**.

The quilts will be presented during worship on **the first Sunday of May 2027**. We look forward to stitching together a gift of faith, comfort, and love for your journey ahead!



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 submit it online at firstlc.com in the "About Us" section. 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; Bill Boyd; Shayla Berry; Kevin Call; Bailey Chamberlain; Carol Clark; Tracy Coburn; Devyn, Corden & Elias Cox; Wendy Cudmore; Dayna Dabauras; Janet Dean; Laura Dean; Millie Dean; Joan Douglas; Josephine Fife; Jo & Al Glissendorf; Diane Hackman; Steve Hammond; Grayson Hansen; Josie Holtz; Charles Hunt; Ann Hurley; Lexi Jensen; Vickie John; Mary Krippner; Pat Lance; Austin Leger; Allan Magnuson; Mike Martin; Adara McClure; Bob McGee; Vicky Mickelson; Cal Miller; Wendy Morgan; Bob Neff; Josh Neis; Don Newman; Heidi Parker; Mary Pilkington; Mark Pischer; Patricia Richardson; Julie Sagnimeni; Laura Schoonmaker; Betty Smith; Joyce Stultz; Julie Sundberg; Kathy Tauscher; Deborah Vavra; Chris Weaver; Joyce White

Prayers of Thanksgiving for Restored Health:

- Jeannie Campbell recovered from shoulder surgery
- Michelle Cleverly recovered from hip surgery

You are warmly invited to our

Interfaith *Thanksgiving* Service

Let us come together in gratitude, hope, and fellowship.

Sunday, November 22

4:00 p.m.

351 W. 14th Street

Sponsored by

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Regional Council of Community Ministries

All are welcome!

A Christmas Celebration

Presented by the choirs of
First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sunday, December 13, 2026 at 4:30 pm

455 West Sunnyside Road



Free-will offering will be taken to benefit The Idaho Falls Rescue Mission

This Week at First Evangelical Lutheran Church	
|Today| Sunday 11/15/2026	
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	Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	King's Men Rehearsal - Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Executive Team– Library
Monday 11/16/2026	
10:00 am	Staff Meeting - Library
7:00 pm	Council Meeting - Classroom #2
Tuesday 11/17/2026	
9:00 am	Happy Stitchers - Fellowship Hall
9:00 am	Preschool
10:00 am	RCCM Meeting - Library
12:00 pm	Gathering in Grace Ladies' Bible Study - Library
1:00 pm	Preschool
6:00 pm	Girl Scout Troop #930 - Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Wednesday 11/18/2026	
9:00 am	Preschool
1:00 pm	Preschool
2:00 pm	Ladies' Bible Study - Library
5:00 pm	Praise Band Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Thursday 11/19/2026	
9:00 am	Preschool
9:00 am	Men's Bible Study - Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Kaffeeklatsch - Library
1:00 pm	Preschool
7:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Team Meeting - Library
Friday 11/20/2026	
10am-4pm	Friends in Stitches - Fellowship Hall
Saturday 11/21/2026	
Christ the King Sunday 11/22/2026	
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	Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	King's Men Rehearsal - Sanctuary

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: **Mary Hanek, Mary Pilkington**
Liturgist: **Deb Nowatzki**
Communion Assistants: **Diane Sheldon, DiAnn Brown**
Debra Hogg, Carole Mason, Pat Christenson
Usher Coordinator: **Richard Magnuson**
Ushers: **Geri Magnuson, Tom Pilkington**
Counters: **Debra Holst, Beth Nicholas**
Altar Guild: **Debra Holst, Cathi Bean**
Collection Specialist: **Andrew Swenson**
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Year to date Income thru October $318,276 - Year to date Expenses thru October $321,568
Year to date net Cash Flow thru October -$3,292
Last Week's in Worship Attendance:175, Live Stream: 62