



First Evangelical
Lutheran Church
455 West Sunnyside Road
Idaho Falls, ID 83402
(208)522-9301
www.firstlc.com

October 11, 2026

Twentieth 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

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain?"

Thomas Campbell, arr. Lloyd Larson; CCLI Song #6466341; © 2012 Lorenz Publishing; For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License #699128

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

“That We May Be Filled”

Not as we ought but as we are a - ble, we
of - fer our thanks as we come to your ta - ble. Through
Word and Spir - it bless us; through bread and wine re - fresh us that
we may be filled, that we may be filled with love.

Handt Hanson, Paul Murakami; CCLI Song #806351; © 1991 Changing Church Forum, Inc.; For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License #699128

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

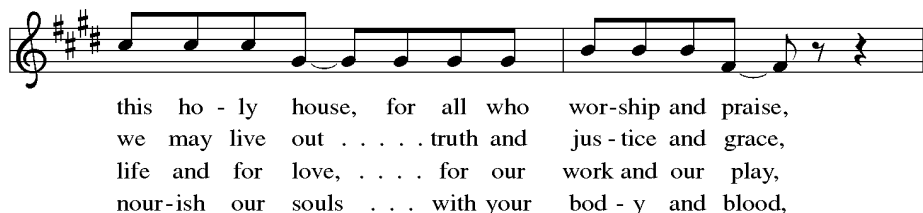
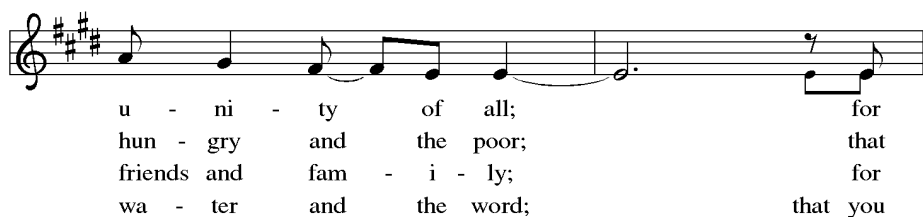
And also with you.

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



Refrain

CCLI Song #1765776 Larry Olson ©1989 Dakota Road Music For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use. All rights reserved.
www.ccli.com CCLI License #699128

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Glory to God" p. 213



I 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.
G 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.
G 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. 568*)

Isaiah 25:1-9

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

- ¹ O LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
- ² For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.
- ³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
- ⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.
- ⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained
clear.
- ⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;
⁸ he will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the
earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
- ⁹ It will be said on that day,
“See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he
might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

This is God's word.

Thanks be to God.

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

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

Lutheran Book of Worship, Robin Cain OneLicense SKU #06829 © 1999, Augsburg Fortress OneLicense #A-736147



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



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

THE HOLY GOSPEL (Pew Bible p. 803) Matthew 22:1-14
The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, chapter twenty-two, beginning with verse one.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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

SONG OF THE DAY

PRaise BAND

“O Come to the Altar”

Chorus

O come to the altar; the Father's arms are open wide.

Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Chris Brown, Mack Brock, Steven Furtick, Wade Joye; CCLI Song #7051511; © 2015 Music by Elevation Worship Publishing; For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License #699128

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLE’S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Each petition will conclude with “Lord in your mercy;” the congregation responds with “Hear our prayer.”)

OFFERING

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR QR GIVING CODE

OFFERTORY MUSIC

PRAISE BAND

“Holy Forever”

Tomlin, Wickham, Johnson, Johnson, Ingram; CCLI Song #7201044; © 1991 2022 Capitol CMG Paragon; For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License #699128

OFFERTORY SONG

CREATE IN ME

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is simple and hymn-like. Below the first staff, the lyrics are: "Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir - it with-". Below the second staff, the lyrics are: "- in me. Cast me not a - way from Your pres - ence, and".



Art Gorman CCLI Song #461057 ©1972 Neil A. Kjos Music Company For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License #699128

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

#491 *"Come, Let Us Eat"*

#857 *"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"*

#462 *"Now We Join in Celebration"*

#873 *"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"*

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, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

CLOSING SONG

#547

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

**THE WORSHIP IS ENDED
LET THE SERVICE BEGIN!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PENNY POWER:

Penny Power donations in October will go towards purchasing items for Operation Christmas Child boxes that are sent around the world by the Samaritan Purse Organization.

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE TODAY:

Annual reports from FELC staff and ministry teams are due today, **Sunday, October 11th**. These reports are needed for our yearly congregational report and our upcoming congregational meeting on Sunday, November 8th.

FELC's INQUIRER'S CLASS:

If you're interested in finding out more about what a "Lutheran Christian" is... this is your chance. You don't need to commit to joining FELC to be part of the study and questions are highly encouraged. However, if you *are* interested in becoming part of our FELC family, this is your opportunity. The class is designed to cover at a glance some of the basic foundational parts of Christianity, as well as inform folks as to the history and inner workings of FELC.

- Sun. Oct. 11th – **Grace Alone:** "What's so Amazing about Grace?"
- Sun. Oct. 18th – **Faith Alone:** "How does 'Faith-Life' deal with Real-Life?"
- Sun. Oct. 25th – **Scripture Alone:** "What kind of authority does ancient scripture have in a modern world?"
- Sun. Nov. 1st – **Baptism & Communion:** "Spiritual rituals meant to grow faithful relationships"
- Sun. Nov. 8th – **God's Church:** "Is it a hospital for sinners or a museum for saints?"
- Sun. Nov. 15th – **In Mission for Christ** - "God's spirit moving through FELC's past, present, and future."

Those considering membership need to attend at least four of the six classes. Contact Pastor Mike or the church office if you're interested in attending. *Knowing how many are attending, and if there are nursery needs, helps the office recruit nursery volunteers, get the right size room to meet in, and have enough materials.*

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:

Supplies are being gathered this month to prepare in preparation for The Happy Stitchers packing party on Friday, November 6th at 1:00 pm for Operation Christmas Child. The supplies needed are hygiene items, though there are multiple categories for giving. For details, please contact Irena or Amelia McDaniel, and more information can be found on samaritanpurse.org

REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH - WEAR RED:

Sunday, October 25th FELC will be celebrating its roots in the Reformation by remembering the day (Oct. 31, 1517) Augustinian monk, Martin Luther, posted his protest of the practice of selling indulgences on the doors of the Wittenberg Church. This call to return to the central doctrine of Christianity of being “Saved by Grace through Faith,” started the Reformation. This is a “red letter day” for Christianity and we ask you to join in the celebration by wearing red.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

All Saints Day is Sunday, November 1st. During the worship service portion of the “Prayers of the People” we will be lifting up in prayer the names of faithful loved ones that were called to the saints in light this past year (November 2025 - October 2026). If you have a loved one who passed away this year that you’d like included in our remembrance, please fill out the All Saint’s form in the bulletin or pick one up at the Welcome Window in the narthex. Family members are invited to attend worship and light a candle in the memory of their loved one as their name is read aloud during the Prayers of the People.

TRUNK OR TREAT CARNIVAL / CHILI COOKOFF:

This year's Trunk or Treat will be preceded with a Chili Cook-off! Bring a pot of your best chili and see if your recipe has what it takes to be the FELC Chili Cook-off Champion. Or just bring a side dish and cheer on your favorite chef. The community trunk or treat will follow with this year's carnival theme. Sign up to decorate your trunk. Invite your friends and neighbors for a fun family, all ages event.



DON'T GHOST US!

Sign up to join the fun and help us scare up some candy for our Trunk or Treat! The sign-up sheets and candy donation drop-off box are ready and waiting in the Narthex.





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; Tom Amundson; Charlotte Benson; Dean Benson; Shayla Berry; Kevin Call; Jeannie Campbell; Bailey Chamberlain; Carol Clark; Tracy Coburn; Devyn, Corden & Elias Cox; Wendy Cudmore; Dayna Dabauras; Janet Dean; Laura Dean; Millie Dean; Joan Douglas; Josephine Fife; Sharon Gilbert; 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; Tim Metcalf; 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; Jason & Kelly Smith; Joyce Stultz; Julie Sundberg; Kathy Tauscher; Deborah Vavra; Linn Watson; Chris Weaver; Joyce White; Daniel & Sarah Young

All Saint's Day - November 1st

If you would like to include a loved one who has died this past year (November 2025 - October 2026) in our prayers on All Saint's Day, please fill out the form below and return to the church office by Sunday, October 25th.



Your name: _____

Name of deceased: _____

Date of death: _____

Relationship: _____



Hope Begins with a **Safe Place**

World Homeless Day • October 10

October 10 is World Homeless Day, which is as good a reason as any to tell you about Aaron. Aaron grew up in Des Moines and started drinking and using drugs at 14. By his late twenties, he was using heroin, and he nearly lost his life more than once. Homelessness followed him from Iowa to San Francisco to Montana, and finally to Idaho Falls, where a traffic stop and a possession charge left him, as he put it, "really defeated." He found us through a Google search. He passed his intake screening, moved into the shelter, applied to the addiction recovery program, and was accepted. Structure and accountability were the two things he had never managed to build alone. The addiction recovery program gave him both, along with case management and Biblical counseling. Then he graduated. When we asked what had changed, he said: "I used to be a confident person, and it helped me get that back. It helped me find hope again, and it's given me a lot of purpose."

Then he listed what he had that he didn't arrive with. Friends. A family that calls him. His driver's license. A car. A good job. A girlfriend. An apartment.

None of it starts without a bed on a cold night. Winter arrives early here, and every night of safe sleep we provide between November and March is paid for by people like you. If you can give ahead of the cold, you are buying someone the beginning of a list like Aaron's.

All the best,

Chris Aspinall
Director of Development
Idaho Falls Rescue Mission

“ It helped me find hope again, and it's given me a lot of purpose.”

— Aaron, recovery program graduate



RESCUE

Meals, safe shelter, and basic necessities



RECOVERY

Counseling, mentorship, and recovery programs



RESTORATION

Job training and a path toward independence

Our congregation supports IFRM. As winter approaches, please pray for its staff and guests and consider giving to help provide warm beds and lasting hope.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

[TODAY] SUNDAY 10/11/2026

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 Committee Meeting - Library

MONDAY 10/12/2026

10:00 am	Staff Meeting - Library
7:00 pm	Worship & Music Team Meeting - Library

TUESDAY 10/13/2026

9:00 am	Happy Stitchers - Fellowship Hall
9:00 am	Preschool
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 10/14/2026

9:00 am	Preschool
1:00 pm	Preschool
2:00 pm	Ladies' Bible Study - Library
5:00 pm	Praise Band Rehearsal - Sanctuary

THURSDAY 10/15/2026

9:00 am	Preschool
9:00 am	Men's Bible Study
10:00 am	Kaffeeklatsch - Library
1:00 pm	Preschool
7:00 pm	Stephen Ministry - Library

FRIDAY 10/16/2026

10am-4pm	Friends in Stitches - Fellowship Hall
----------	---------------------------------------

SATURDAY 10/17/2026

9:00 am	Waterford HOA Meeting - Fellowship Hall
12:30 pm	Women's Ministry Meeting - Library

SUNDAY 10/18/2026

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: **Jan Galbraith, Mary Hanek**

Liturgist: **Deb Nowatzki**

Communion Assistants: **Diana Murphy, Kim Bermensolo**

Carole Mason, DiAnn Brown, Bev Thomas

Usher Coordinator: **Scott Berger**

Ushers: **Phil Forbord, Paul Worth**

Counters: **Phil & Tessa Forbord**

Altar Guild: **Diane Sheldon, Deb Nowatzki**

Collection Specialist: **Andrew Swenson**

Streaming Technician: **Ian Dahlberg**

Sundays and Seasons.com License #SB170220

CCLI License #699128

Streaming License #20272565 One License #A-736147



**SCAN THE QR
CODE FOR GIVING.**

FELC LEADERSHIP

MINISTERS:

All the Members of FELC

Senior Pastor: Pastor Mike Knauff e-mail: pastormike@firstlc.com

Church Administrator: Julie Sagnimeni e-mail: office@firstlc.com

Family Minister: Heather Catanese.....e-mail: family@firstlc.com

Bookkeeper: Greg Stultz..... e-mail: bookkeeper@firstlc.com

Music Director: Michelle Hanson..... e-mail: musicdirector@firstlc.com

Choir Accompanist: Heidi Bessette.....

Praise Band Director: Steve Galbraith.....

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

Preschool Director: Barbara Carlson.....flpreschoolif@gmail.com

Office hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, Friday Closed

Web Page: www.firstlc.com • Phone: 208-522-9301

Report of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Year to date Income thru September \$291,512; Year to date Expenses thru September \$289,985

Year to date net Cash Flow thru September \$1527

Last Week's in Worship Attendance: 119, Live Stream: 46