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October 18, 2026

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME! A hearty welcome to all our guests! The addition of your praise and thanks to God heartens us all. 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.
- ♦ 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

"More Precious Than Silver"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

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

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination...

Most merciful God...

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

WE LIFT OUR PRAYERS AND PRAISE TO GOD

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.

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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

GRACE NOTE CHOIR

“The Prayer with Lead Us, Lord”

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WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

FIRST LESSON (*Pew Bible p. 588*)

Isaiah 45:1-7

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

¹ Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and to strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:

² I will go before you
and level the mountains;
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron;

³ I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name;
I give you a title, though you do not know me.

⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.

⁷ I form light and create darkness,

I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

This is God's word.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON (*Pew Bible p. 959*)

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

This is the word of God.

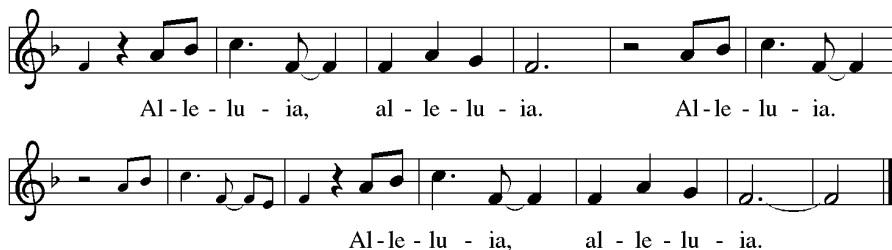
Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

p. 188





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THE HOLY GOSPEL (Pew Bible p. 803) Matthew 22:15-22

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, chapter twenty-two, beginning with verse fifteen.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” ²¹ They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PASTOR MIKE KNAUFF

“Faith, Love, Hope”

SONG OF THE DAY

#686

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

THE SERMON

PASTOR MIKE KNAUFF

“_____ Works, _____ Labors, _____ Endures”

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

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OFFERTORY MUSIC

MICHELLE HANSON

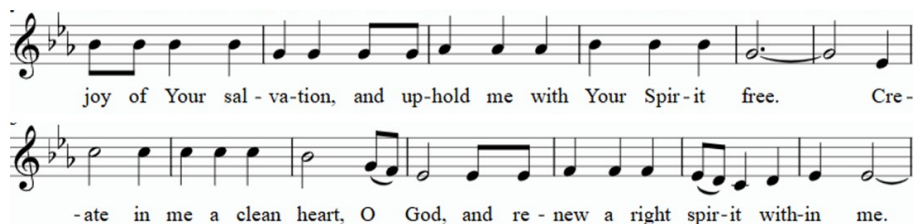
"Ancient of Days"

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OFFERTORY SONG

CREATE IN ME

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
- in me. Cast me not a - way from Your pres - ence, and
take not Your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the



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

#825 "You Servants of God"
 #854 "Blessing and Honor"
 #792 "When Memory Fades"

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

#713

“O God of Every Nation”

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.

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.

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.

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 samaritanspurse.org

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.

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.



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; 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

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING:

Tim Metcalf - His medical treatments have returned his blood work levels back to acceptable levels.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES TO:

- ♦ Family and friends of Buck Horton, who passed away October 6th.

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: _____

THIS WEEK AT FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH	
[TODAY] 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
MONDAY 10/19/2026	
10:00 am	Staff Meeting - Library
7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting - Classroom #2
TUESDAY 10/20/2026	
9:00 am	Happy Stitches - 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 10/21/2026	
9:00 am	Preschool
1:00 pm	Preschool
2:00 pm	Ladies' Bible Study - Library
5:00 pm	Praise Band Rehearsal - Sanctuary
THURSDAY 10/22/2026	
9:00 am	Preschool
9:00 am	Men's Bible Study
10:00 am	Kaffeeklatsch - Library
1:00 pm	Preschool
FRIDAY 10/23/2026	
10am-4pm	Friends in Stitches - Fellowship Hall
SATURDAY 10/24/2026	
REFORMATION [WEAR RED] SUNDAY 10/25/2026	
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
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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: **Michelle Cleverly, Mary Pilkington**

Liturgist: **Steve Galbraith**

Communion Assistants: **Linda Lerum, Debra Holst**

Shawn Cleverly, Debra Hogg, Beth Nicholas

Usher Coordinator: **Richard Magnuson**

Ushers: **Geri Magnuson, Tom Pilkington**

Counters: **Debra Holst, Beth Nicholas**

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

Collection Specialist: **Andrew Swenson**

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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:147, Live Stream: 40