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November 9, 2025

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME! We pray that all will experience a warm welcome and experience the presence of the Lord in this house of worship. If you have a moment please sign the friendship pad in the pew and pass it to others in your pew. 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.
- ♦ If you have a moment please sign the friendship pad in the pew and pass it to others in your pew.
- ♦ For those with hearing loss, we have hearing devices available at the welcome window; ask an usher for assistance.
- ♦ For those with eyesight issues, we have large print bulletins; ask an usher for one.

WE PREPARE OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Michelle Hanson

Please observe silence in preparation for worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

#619 vv.1,3,5,7

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"

TRINITARIAN 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

Let us pray...

Lord God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, always keeping in mind the end of all things and the day of judgement, we may be stirred up to holiness of life here and may live with you forever in the world to come, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

For His Glory Ringers

“Contemplations”

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WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

FIRST LESSON (*Pew Bible p. 405*)

Job 19:23-27a

Our first scripture reading is from the Old Testament, the book of Job, chapter nineteen, beginning with verse twenty-three.

²³ “O that my words were written down!

O that they were inscribed in a book!

²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever!

²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;

²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God,

^{27a} whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

This is God’s word.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON (*Pew Bible p. 961*) 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17

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

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is

THIS WEEK AT FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Today 11/9/2025

8:30 am	King’s Men Rehearsal - Sanctuary
9:00 am	Sunday School - Educational Wing
9:00 am	Adult Forum - Fellowship Hall
9:00 am	New Member/Inquirer’s Class - Library
9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
10:15 am	Worship - Sanctuary
11:30 am	Congregational Meeting - Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm	Round About Brass Practice

Monday 11/10/2025

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

Tuesday 11/11/2025

9:00 am	Preschool
9:00 am	Happy Stitchers
12:00 pm	Care & Concern Meeting
1:00 pm	Preschool
6:00 pm	Girl Scout Troop #930 - Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal

Wednesday 11/12/2025

9:00 am	Preschool
1:00 pm	Preschool
2:00 pm	Ladies Book Club - Library
5:00 pm	Praise Band Rehearsal
6:30 pm	The Chosen - Library

Thursday 11/13/2025

9:00 am	Preschool
9:00 am	Men’s Bible Study - Library
10:00 am	Kaffeeklatsch - Library
1:00 pm	Preschool
5:00 pm	Finance Team Meeting

Friday 11/14/2025

10:00 am	Friends in Stitches - Fellowship Hall
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Saturday 11/15/2025

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Sunday 11/16/2025

9:00 am	Sunday School - Educational Wing
9:00 am	Adult Forum - Fellowship Hall
9:00 am	New Member/Inquirer’s Class - Library
9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
10:15 am	Worship - Sanctuary
11:30 am	King’s Men Rehearsal - Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Round About Brass Practice
5:30 pm	Family Game Night

THE ADVENT SEASON BEGINS **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH**

“It’s beginning to look a lot like **Advent**” Perhaps that’s not how the world looks at the weeks leading up to Christmas. Yet, for us Lutherans, we view the weeks leading up to Christmas day as a time of preparing our hearts and homes for the promised Messiah of old and the victorious Messiah’s return. So, starting Sunday November 30th we enter the season of waiting and watching, preparing and praying that is the Advent season. And while it looks much different from the chaotic way the world leads up to Christmas, in many ways it’s better. Instead of a preoccupation with getting, we can focus on giving. Instead of having to do a thousand things, Christians try during this time of year to whittle down to doing the important things. And it’s important to remember to “keep Christ in Christmas.”

FELC hopes to help you “keep Christ in Christmas” by offering meaningful Sunday Advent services as well as midweek Advent worship. This year we will once again use the beautiful melodies of the **Holden Evening Prayer Service** as the backbone of our Wednesday night worship. Pastor Mike’s messages will look at how our society often gets Christmas “right” by sampling a few beloved Christmas specials like “Rudolph,” “Frosty,” and “the Grinch.”

We’ll once again be **lighting the Advent Wreath** for each worship service and this means **we’ll need volunteers to help read and light the wreath**. If your family is willing to help, the sign-up sheet will be at the Welcome Window. We’ll be using the readings for the Scandinavian tradition of the Advent Wreath: The Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love candles.

The readings for the lighting of each of these candles can be found in the **FELC ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET** that can also be found at the Welcome Window. Many members have said they’ve shared this booklet with neighbors and family to help explain Advent as well as share the encouraging advice regarding various ways for families to make meaningful traditions that keep “Christ in Christmas.”

Of course we’ll also keep the tradition of the simple soup suppers that are served prior to the midweek worship service. So dust off those crock pots and dig out those favorite recipes!

Our first midweek Advent soup & service will be **Wednesday, December 3rd with 6:30 pm Soup & Bread followed by a 7:15 pm Holden Evening Prayer** service. There will be two more midweek Advent soup and service nights after that, on **Wednesday, December 10th** and **Wednesday, December 17th**. The Advent Worship service offerings will go to support the Idaho Falls Community Food basket.

Report of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Year to date Income thru October \$268,524; Year to date Expenses thru October \$278,956

Year to date net Cash Flow thru October -\$10,432

Last Week’s in Worship Attendance: 173, Live Stream: 67

already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? ...

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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

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. 855*)

Luke 20:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, chapter twenty, beginning with verse twenty-seven.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Mike Knauff

“Ever-Expanding Family Album”

SONG OF THE DAY

#833

“Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices”

THE SERMON

Pastor Mike Knauff

“God’s Not Dead”

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.**

Council members are asked to bring a soup to share, Ministry Team Chairs (and attending team members) are asked to bring bread or dessert. We hope to have an enjoyable evening helping our new families get to know us...and us them. Pastor Mike will once again have one of his “Stupid Name Games” for the ice breaker. Ministry Teams don’t forget your “Swag Bags!” If you plan on attending contact the church office with your RSVP so we have a head count.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our annual congregational meeting is **TODAY** following worship. We will be voting on new officers, council members, ministry team chairs, a proposed change to the bylaws, and the 2026 budget. **Please join us! Main course is provided by “A’ Street Soup Kitchen.” Our Youth Minister will have activities for children in the far end of the fellowship hall so parents may attend the meeting. There is also a nursery being provided during meeting time.**

Voting members are those confirmed members who have both:

- Communed in this congregation a minimum of 9 times during the 12 months prior to the congregational meeting (as recorded on the friendship pads), and
- Made a contribution of record to this congregation during the 12 months prior to the congregational meeting. Members under the age of 18 may use their parents’ contribution to fulfill this requirement.

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE

Council is proposing the following change in Article 3.2 of the bylaws; the added words are shown in italics.

“Periodically (not to exceed 5 years) ensure an independent audit *or review* of the financial transactions of this congregation is conducted to ensure ethical fiscal responsibilities are being upheld.”

The reasons for this change are three-fold.

1. Very few accounting firms are willing to do audits because of the potential liability involved.
2. The estimated cost for such an audit is on the order of \$25,000, which is not consistent with our budget. A review would be on the order of \$2,000, and would still be done by an outside (of the church) accountant.
3. The revised wording will give the Finance ministry team greater flexibility each year to meet the needs of the congregation as it relates to our financial transactions.

This proposed change will be voted on during today’s annual congregational meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PENNY POWER

This November, Penny Power will be putting up an Angel Tree to benefit the Community Food Basket. Each ornament will list items that the food basket is in need of. The tree will be set up in the narthex and food will be collected through December 21st. Please take this chance to help out the Community Food Basket in keeping their shelves stocked this winter!

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM STUDY

This November, our Adult Forum, led by **Brad & Marda Kirkwood**, will be mirroring the study of Genesis our youth are covering in Sunday School. We hope this will encourage intergenerational conversations between youth, parents, and grandparents. Since the library will be used by our new member class, the adult forum will meet in the Fellowship hall. Sunday, November 16th “Jacob and his wives; Rachel and Leah,” Sunday, November 23rd “Jacob wrestles with God.”

WEDNESDAY NIGHT “THE CHOSEN” DISCUSSION GROUP

Come join a discussion group centered around Season Five of the popular Christian series “The Chosen.” What’s realistic about this rendition of the “Greatest Story ever told?” What’s objectionable? How does it inspire you? How does it confuse you? Pastor Mike will lead the discussion each Wednesday evening (now thru November 19th) from 6:30-8:00 pm in the library. Movie snacks will be provided :-)

BIBLE BUCKS STORE COMING SOON!

To avoid the Thanksgiving holiday the Bible Bucks store will be open on Sunday, November 16th. That’s just a week away! So, bring your bible bucks to spend.

INTERGENERATIONAL FAMILY EVENT

Sunday, November 16th - Family Game Night 5:30pm - 7:00 pm. This is an inter-generational all-congregation event. Join us for a fun time playing games. Bring your favorite snacks and games!

FELC NEW MEMBER WELCOME DINNER SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

We’re pleased to report Pastor Mike currently has six families in the new member class. We hope to officially receive these families on Sunday, November 23rd during worship service and have a fellowship dinner in their honor that evening from 5 to 7pm.

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

OFFERTORY



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 joy of Your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with Your Spir - it free.
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me.

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WE CELEBRATE OUR LORD'S SUPPER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, 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.
Again, after supper, he took the cup and 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.

THE 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 invite all who are baptized in Christ, and believe in receiving the bread and wine they receive Christ's body and blood and the forgiveness of sins, to join us. 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

#679 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

#867 "In Thee Is Gladness"

#638 "Blessed Assurance"

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

SUNG BLESSING

Pastor Mike

"Go Now in Peace"

DISMISSAL

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

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

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 OF THANKSGIVING TO THE FAMILY OF:

Daniel & Sarah Young, whose baby was born on October 31st, 8lbs., 6 oz. and 20 inches long. We welcome Danika Young, also granddaughter of Harlan and Linda Lerum.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL, RECOVERING, OR GOING THROUGH A DIFFICULT TIME:

Cathy Abreu; Donna Amundson; Sharon Bauman; Tina Bean; Betty Benjamin (Lisa Mullinix's mother); Andrew Bessette; Dean & Carla Benson; Dick Carr; Dale Clements; Tracy Coburn; Wendy Cudmore; Dayna Dabauras; Joan Douglas; Bernadette Farrington (Annick Dixon's mother); Sharon Gilbert; Scottie Grace; Al Glissendorf; Diane Hackman; Steve Hammon; Jack Heier; Patricia Hill (Martha Wentzel's mother); Mark Holland (Cara Dahlberg's father); Beverly Hudman (Larry Hudman's mother); Larry Hudman; Ann Hurley; Jeff Hustad; Mackenzie & Zane Igor; Lynn Parshall Kinghorn (Alecia Coburn's former mother-in-law); Mary Krippner; Steven Krippner; Andy Kruckeberg; Bill Lockman; Allan Magnuson; Geri Magnuson; Mike Martin; Adara McClure (Jeannie Campbell's daughter); Kristy Merrill; Tim Metcalf; Dick Mitchell; Wendy Morgan (Larry Hudman's sister); Josh Neis; Don Newman (Richard Magnuson's cousin); JP Pannebaker; Heidi Peoples; Priscilla Rainey; Bob Scarr; Laura Schoonmaker; Julie Sundberg; Scot Swenson (Vernal & Jackie Swenson's son); Kathy Tauscher; Deborah Vavra; Marie Warwick; Daniel & Sarah Young.

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Craig Bukowski; Adam Craig; Keith Evans; Eric Gratzke; Alton Helm; Jack Hogan; TJ Litteer; Garrett Marchington; Andrew Mitchell; Mike Monroe; Mike Stultz; Brianna Townsend; Jody Townsend.