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October 12, 2025

18th 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

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 #845
"Voices Raised to You"

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.

KYRIE (OPENING PRAYERS) p. 184



THIS WEEK AT FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Today 10/12/2025

9:00 am	Adult Forum - Fellowship Hall
9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am	Sunday School
9:00 am	Confirmation Class
9:00 am	New Member/Inquirer's Class - Library
10:15 am	Worship with Holy Communion - Sanctuary
11:30 am	Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	King's Men Rehearsal
12:00 pm	Youth Activity - Pizza & Pumpkin Painting
4:00 pm	Round About Brass Practice

Monday 10/13/2025

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

Tuesday 10/14/2025

9:00 am	Happy Stitches
9:00 am	Preschool
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 10/15/2025

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 - Youth Room

Thursday 10/16/2025

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

Friday 10/17/2025

10:00 am	Friends in Stitches - Fellowship Hall
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Saturday 10/18/2025

Sunday 10/19/2025

9:00 am	Adult Forum - Fellowship Hall
9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am	Sunday School
9:00 am	Confirmation Class
9:00 am	New Member/Inquirer's Class - Library
10:15 am	Worship with Holy Communion - Sanctuary
11:30 am	Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	King's Men Rehearsal
12:00 pm	Confirmation Class w/Pastor Mike
4:00 pm	Round About Brass Practice



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.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES TO:

Friends and family of Paul and Carol Schuette. Carol's mother, Minna Liddell passed away on September 12th.

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); Scottie Grace; Al Glissendorf; Diane Hackman; Steve Hammond; Jack Heier; Patricia Hill (Martha Wentzel's mother); Beverly Hudman (Larry Hudman's mother); Larry Hudman; Ann Hurley; Jeff Hustad; Mary Krippner; Steven Krippner; Andy Kruckeberg; Harlan Lerum; Bill Lockman; Allan Magnuson; Geri Magnuson; Mike Martin; Kristy Merrill; Tim Metcalf; Jay Meyer; Dick Mitchell; Wendy Morgan (Larry Hudman's sister); Heidi Neis; 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 Young.

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

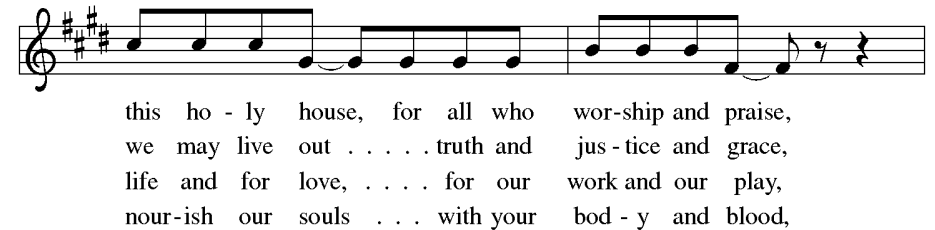
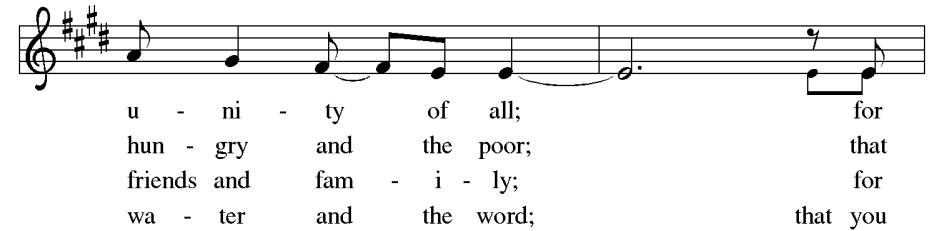
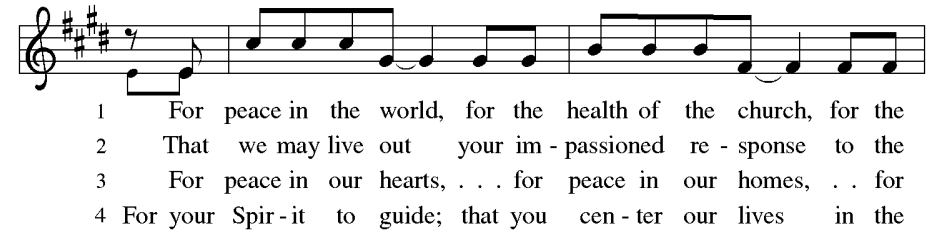
Craig Bukowski; Adam Craig; Keith Evans; Eric Gratzke; Alton Helm; Jack Hogan; TJ Litteer; Garrett Marchington; Andrew Mitchell; Mike Monroe; Mike Stultz; Brianna Townsend; Jody Townsend.

Report of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Year to date Income thru September \$241,539; Year to date Expenses thru September \$246,978

Year to date net Cash Flow thru September -\$5,439

Last Week's in Worship Attendance: 119, Live Stream: 71



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HYMN OF PRAISE

"Glory to God" p. 213



① 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.

② 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;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

① For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

TRUNK OR TREAT

The Annual Trunk or Treat will be held on Friday, October 31st from 5 - 7 pm. If you can participate, please decorate your car and come join the fun! (*We're looking for at least 10 families to provide a "trunk" to trick or treat from; a sign-up sheet is at the welcome window.*) If you cannot be here, you may donate candy for the event. A drop box will be located in the narthex.

STEPHEN MINISTRY AT FELC:

We all know that life brings joys - but also challenges: illness, loss, loneliness, and change. Our Stephen Ministers are trained to walk alongside people during those difficult seasons, offering Christ's love and care in a confidential way. We're looking for compassionate, listening hearts to join our next training class. If you've ever felt God nudging you to serve others in a personally significant way, this might be your call. We encourage you to pray about this opportunity and talk with our Stephen Leaders, Annick Dixon or Pastor Mike after worship or give us a call this week to learn more.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

All Saints Day is Saturday, November 1st and we will be celebrating that occasion on Sunday, November 2nd. 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 2024 - October 2025). If you have a loved one who passed away this year that you'd like included in our remembrance, please fill out an All Saint's form (this will be a bulletin insert in the next few weeks). Family members are invited to light a candle in their memory when their loved one's name is read aloud.

ANNUAL REPORTS

It's that time of year again! Annual reports from ministry teams are due to the office no later than **October 16th**. These reports are needed for our yearly congregational report and our upcoming congregational meeting on **Sunday, November 9th**. Please submit your reports to office@firstlc.com. Please plan to be in attendance at the congregational meeting, I hear there will be pizza!

SPECIAL CONFIRMATION CLASS NEXT SUNDAY

Due to the sensitive topic of the 6th commandment there will be a special confirmation session on Sunday, October 19th at 12:00 pm so Pastor Mike can present the lesson. Lunch will be provided! This class will be in addition to the normal confirmation class during Sunday School time.

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 (October 1st - November 19th) starting at 6:30 and going to 8:00 pm. Movie snacks will be provided :-)

MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST

Our Men's Ministry President, Dave McDaniel's term is expiring this fall and we're looking for new leadership to continue our Men's Ministry. Dave is asking for any and all men of FELC who're interested in this ministry to come to the Saturday, October 25th 9am Men's Breakfast at FELC. Be warned - our last group of leaders were elected in absentia; the only safe way to not be "voluntold" into an office is to be in attendance. :-) That being said... It's good food, good company, a good cause, and God's good Word. Come join us!

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 26th is Reformation Sunday. This is your reminder to please wear red.



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WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON (*Pew Bible p. 293*)

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Our first scripture reading is from the Old Testament, the second book of Kings, chapter five, beginning with verse one.

¹ Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PENNY POWER

During October, we will begin preparing our boxes for Samaritan's Purse through Operation Christmas Child to distribute around the world. You may pick up boxes, directions, information and labels this month in the church narthex. These Christmas boxes contain presents for young children, so please take the time to fill the box and return it to the Church by November 23rd. These boxes through Operation Christmas Child bring the message of Jesus' love to children all around the world.

YOUTH ACTIVITY

Today is the Pizza & Pumpkin Painting Party for the youth. We will meet at 12 pm for some fun in the youth room. Bring your appetites and creativity!

FELC's INQUIRER'S CLASS/NEW MEMBER COURSE

It's not too late! 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 to be part of the study and questions are highly encouraged. However, if you *are* interested in becoming part of our FELC church family, this is also your opportunity. The group will meet during the Sunday School hour (9:00 am) in the library and will be led by Pastor Mike. It will last six weeks from October 12th through November 16th. The class will look at foundational parts of Christianity from a Lutheran perspective such as:

- What's so Amazing about Grace?
- What is the authority of ancient scripture in a modern day world?
- What's so important about Baptism and Communion?
- As well as inform folks as to the history and inner workings of FELC.

If you're curious and have questions come join us for any or all sessions. For those considering membership we do ask you 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 staff a nursery, get the right size room to meet in, and have enough materials.*

have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.”⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house.¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean.”¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, “I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease!”¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?” He turned and went away in a rage.¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, “Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, ‘Wash, and be clean’?”¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

^{15a, b, c} Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.”

This is God's word.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON (*Pew Bible p. 967*)

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Our second lesson comes from the New Testament, the Apostle Paul's second letter to Timothy, chapter two, beginning with verse eight.

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to

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

#617 "We Come to You for Healing, Lord"

#840 "Now Thank We All Our God"

#685 "Take My Life, That I May Be"

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.

CLOSING SONG

"Have You Thanked the Lord?"

#829

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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

WELCOME MIM NELLERMOE

We're pleased to welcome once again our co-worker in the gospel Mim Nellermoe. Mim and her husband, Jeff work with China Service Ventures, a Christian organization that is focused on helping and serving the people of China and its refugees.

God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL (*Pew Bible p. 852*)

Luke 17:11-19

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, chapter seventeen, beginning with verse eleven.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give

glory to God except this foreigner?"¹⁹ Then he said to him,
"Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Mim Nellermoe

SONG OF THE DAY

#453

"Baptized and Set Free"

THE SERMON

Mim Nellermoe

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Gathered as the created, redeemed, and sanctified children of
God let us confess our faith...

**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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Grace Note Choir

"The Gift of Love"

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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.**