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Loving GOD's People!

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October 5, 2025

17th Sunday after Pentecost

We pray that all will experience a warm welcome and experience the presence of the Lord in this house of worship. After the service we invite worshippers to enjoy 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.**

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 you and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

GATHERING SONG #733  
*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

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

*Refrain*

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

### Today 10/5/2025

9:00 am	Adult Forum - Fellowship Hall
9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am	Sunday School
9:00 am	Confirmation Class
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	Emergency Response Team (ERT) and Shofar Meeting
4:00 pm	Round About Brass Practice

### Monday 10/6/2025

10:00 am	Staff Meeting - Library
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### Tuesday 10/7/2025

9:00 am	Happy Stitchers
9:00 am	Preschool
12:00 pm	Happy Stitcher's Bible Study
1:00 pm	Preschool
6:00 pm	Girl Scout Troop #930 - Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal

### Wednesday 10/8/2025

9:00 am	Preschool
1:00 pm	Preschool
2:00 pm	Ladies Book Club - Library
5:00 pm	Praise Band Rehearsal
5:00 pm	Finance Team Meeting
7:00 pm	The Chosen - Youth Room

### Thursday 10/9/2025

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

### Friday 10/10/2025

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

### Sunday 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	<b>New Member/Inquirer's Class</b>
10:15 am	Worship with Holy Communion - Sanctuary
11:30 am	Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	King's Men Rehearsal
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](mailto: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:**

Donna Amundson; Sharon Bauman; Tina Bean; Betty Benjamin (Lisa Mullinix's mother); Dean & Carla Benson; Dick Carr; Dale Clements; Tracy Coburn; Wendy Cudmore; Dayna Dabauras; Joan Douglas; Bernadette Farrington (Annick Dixon's mother); Al Glissendorf; Diane Hackman; 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; 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.

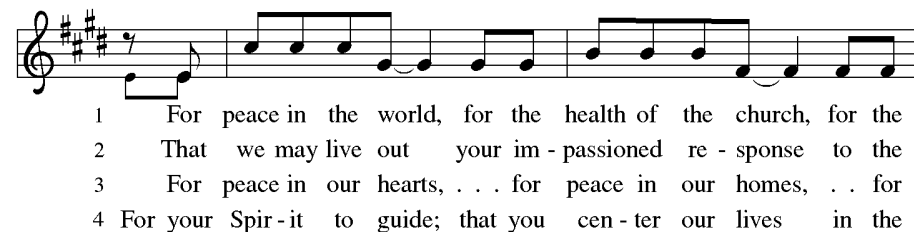
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### **Report of First Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Year to date Income thru August \$216,349; Year to date Expenses thru August \$219,077

Year to date net Cash Flow thru August -\$2,728

Last Week's in Worship Attendance: 137, Live Stream: 78



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



u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

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### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

*"Glory to God" p. 213*



☒ 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;

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

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

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

## 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](mailto:office@firstlc.com). Please plan to be in attendance at the congregational meeting, I hear there will be pizza!

## DISCUSSION GROUP ON "THE CHOSEN" MEETS ON WEDNESDAYS

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 "volun-told" 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!

# 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.

## FELC's INQUIRER'S CLASS/NEW MEMBER COURSE

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 starts next Sunday, October 12th, and will last six weeks, ending on 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.*



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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Please join in praying our prayer of the day...

**Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON (*Pew Bible p. 762*) Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4  
Our first scripture reading is from the Old Testament, the book of the prophet Habakkuk, chapter one, beginning with verse one.

<sup>1</sup> The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

<sup>2</sup> O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not listen?  
Or cry to you "Violence!"  
and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup> Why do you make me see wrongdoing  
and look at trouble?  
Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.

<sup>4</sup> So the law becomes slack,  
and justice never prevails.  
The wicked surround the righteous;  
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.  
<sup>2:1</sup> I will stand at my watchpost  
and station myself on the rampart;  
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me  
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.  
<sup>2</sup> Then the LORD answered me and said:  
Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.  
<sup>3</sup> For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end and does not lie.  
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come; it will not delay.  
<sup>4</sup> Look at the proud!  
Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

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

SONG OF PRAISE #863  
*"My God, How Wonderful Thou Art"*

PSALM (*Pew Bible p. 443*) Psalm 37:1-9  
Our Psalm for today is Psalm thirty-seven, beginning with verse one.  
I invite the congregation to read it aloud with me.

<sup>1</sup> **Do not fret because of the wicked;  
do not be envious of wrongdoers,**  
<sup>2</sup> **for they will soon fade like the grass  
and wither like the green herb.**  
<sup>3</sup> **Trust in the LORD and do good;  
live in the land and enjoy security.**  
<sup>4</sup> **Take delight in the LORD,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.**  
<sup>5</sup> **Commit your way to the LORD;  
trust in him, and he will act.**  
<sup>6</sup> **He will make your vindication shine like the light**

**Go now in peace  
In faith and in love  
Amen, amen, amen.**

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#### THE BENEDICTION

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

#### CLOSING SONG

#812

*"Faith of Our Fathers"*

#### DISMISSAL

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

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

## 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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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

### 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.**

### SUNG BLESSING

**Go now in peace  
Never be afraid  
God will go with you  
Each hour of ev’ry day  
God will be there  
Watching from above**

**and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

**<sup>7</sup> Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.**

**<sup>8</sup> Refrain from anger and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.**

**<sup>9</sup> For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.**

This is the word of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

#801

*“Change My Heart, O God”*

### SECOND LESSON (Pew Bible p. 966)

2 Timothy 1:1-14

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

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup> To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup> I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup> Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup> I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup> For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, <sup>7</sup> for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

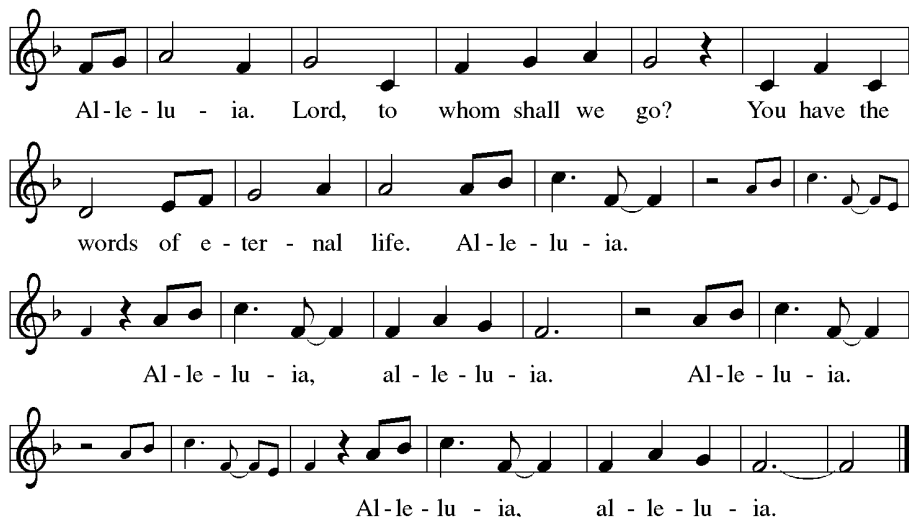
<sup>8</sup> Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, <sup>9</sup> who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup> but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death

and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.<sup>11</sup> For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher,<sup>12</sup> and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him.<sup>13</sup> Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.<sup>14</sup> Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

This is the word of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF PRAISE #512  
*"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"*

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL (Pew Bible p. 852) Luke 17:5-10  
 The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, chapter seventeen,  
 beginning with verse five.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup> The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup> The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could

say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup> "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? <sup>8</sup> Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup> Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup> So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' "

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

SONG OF THE DAY #405  
*"O Spirit of Life"*

## **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.**

OFFERING