



“Making Lemon Aid”

September 4, 2022

Friendship Celebration Lutheran Church

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Elders Serving Today:

8:15am Jamison Wing – 11:00am Aaron Hubler

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Preservice Song: “Christ Be All Around Me”

As I rise strength of God go before lift me up
As I wake eyes of God look upon be my sight

As I wait heart of God satisfy and sustain
As I hear voice of God lead me on be my guide be my guide

Above and below me before and behind me
In every eye that sees me Christ be all around me
Above and below me before and behind me
In every eye that sees me Christ be all around me

As I go hand of God my defense by my side
As I rest breath of God fall upon bring me peace bring me peace

Above and below me before and behind me
In every eye that sees me Christ be all around me
Above and below me before and behind me
In every eye that sees me Christ be all around me

Oh, Oh, Christ be all around me
Oh, Oh, Christ be all around me

Your life Your death Your blood was shed
For every moment, every moment
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Welcome & Announcements

Invocation and Opening Prayer

Pastor: Almighty and merciful God, from whom comes all that is good, we praise you for all your mercies: for your goodness that has created us, your grace that has sustained us, your wisdom that has challenged us, your patience that has borne with us, and your love that has redeemed us. Help us to love you and all your children and to be thankful for all your gifts, by serving you and delighting to do your will. In Jesus' name we pray.

Congregation: Amen.

Confession of Sins

Pastor: O, Almighty God, I humbly ask you to make me like a tree planted by the waterside, that I may bring forth fruits of good living in due season. Forgive my past offenses, sanctify me now, and direct all that I should be in the future, for Christ's sake.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastor: God the Creator brings you new life, forgives and redeems you. Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Opening Song: *"Hosanna (Praise is Rising)"*

Praise is rising eyes are turning to You we turn to You
Hope is stirring hearts are yearning for You we long for You

'Cause when we see You we find strength to face the day
In your presence all our fears are washed away washed away

Hosanna Hosanna

You are the God who saves us worthy of all our praises

Hosanna Hosanna

Come have your way among us we welcome you here Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You we turn to You
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new You make us new

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First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 ESV

8:15am Art Eacker

11:00am Matt Holmquist

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.

¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess.

¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

Epistle

Philemon 1-21 ESV

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, ⁶and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— ¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart.

¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Holy Gospel

Luke 14:25-35 ESV

²⁵Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. ³⁴“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

Children’s Message

Charlie Young

Friendship Cards/Prayer Requests *We ask all who are present today to please fill out a Friendship Card and place it on the offering table on either side of the sanctuary. (Any updated member information is especially appreciated!)*

Offering *You may give your offering online through the church website www.friendshipcelebration.org, by signing up for automatic withdrawals which links to savings/checking account or debit/credit card (form is also available on church website), or by mailing your check to the church office.*

Sermon Song: “I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus”

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation, Great and free.

I am trusting Thee for pardon; At Thy feet I bow,
For Thy grace and tender mercy, Trusting now.

I am trusting Thee for cleansing, In the crimson flood;
Trusting Thee to make me holy, By Thy blood.

I am trusting Thee to guide me; Thou alone shalt lead,
Every day and hour supplying, All my need.

I am trusting Thee for power; Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me must prevail.

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever, And for all.

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Sermon: “Making Lemon Aid”

Philemon

When life hands you lemons...well, making lemonade is easier said than done. Fortunately, God is able to redeem any situation and bring good out of it and the nature of the gospel means we can, like Paul did, make a bold request. The book of Philemon is a very personal account of restoration. It shows us what it looks like to live as people who have received mercy.

Book It!

Written when? Written where?

Chevron structure

The book of Philemon is:

- a) a missionary thank you letter
- b) a personal, intercessory letter
- c) a letter written from jail
- d) the shortest of Paul's letters

The Prisoner and the Jail Bird

Koinonia (v. 6) = _____

Onesimus = _____

Charge It!

A bold request (as opposed to Roman law)

“Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.”
(v. 20)

Philemon is about reconciliation, intercession, and being _____ before God.

The Gospel Life

T / F Philemon is the only letter of Paul where he does not mention the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ.

The implications are extremely _____, but never private.

In the family of Jesus, all are equal _____ who share together in God’s healing mercy. (Col 3:11)

Head (what?)

Where is Paul when he writes to Philemon?

Who was Onesimus and what did he do?

How did the identity of Onesimus change and how does that speak to our identity in Christ?

Heart (so what?)

Are you more hesitant or bold when it comes to asking favors?

What is your reaction when someone says they are praying for you?

What does it take to reestablish trust with someone who made a major mistake?

Does your heart need refreshment at this time? How does it get refreshed?

Hands (now what?)

What broken relationship or promise do you need to revisit and repair?

Is there any situation that you can help to facilitate reconciliation?

Who would benefit from a note of encouragement or affirmation from you?

Affirmation of Faith

Pastor: I am called Christian because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity. We call him “our Lord” because—not with gold or silver, but with his precious blood—he has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the devil, and has bought us, body and soul, to be his very own.

Prayers

Pastor: Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of our risen Lord, who makes every day new. Especially we thank you for
the beauty of your creation...
the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness...
the sustaining love of family and friends...
the fellowship of faith in your church...
Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord.
Especially we pray for
those who govern nations of the world...
the people of countries where there is strife or warfare...
all who work for peace and international harmony...
the church of Jesus Christ in every land...

Congregation: Amen.

Words of Institution

Preparation for The Lord’s Table

Holy Communion: We celebrate the Lord’s Supper today by receiving the Body and Blood of Christ which is given in, with and under the bread and wine. In this meal, we receive the forgiveness of sins, the promise of life everlasting and the strength we need to live faithfully. We invite to the Lord’s Table baptized believers who are truly repentant of sin and seek the grace in this meal, forgiving of one another as we have been forgiven, and gladly believe and confess the Real Presence of Christ in this meal. All people are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Participating in the meal is how the church proclaims the Lord’s death, resurrection, and imminent return. **Red wine** is used to best visually convey the blood of Christ. For personal or medical reasons, **white grape juice** is also available in the center of the trays.

Communion Songs

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His, and He is mine.

Oh, the height of Jesus' love,
Higher than the heavens above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity!
Love that found me wondrous thought
Found me when I sought Him not.

Chief of sinners though I be,
Christ is all in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known,
All my sorrows are His own.
He sustains the hidden life
Safe with Him from earthly strife.

O my Savior, help afford
By Your spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.

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“I'm Forever Grateful”

You did not wait for me to draw near to You
But You clothed Yourself with frail humanity.
You did not wait for me to cry out to You
But You let me hear Your voice calling me.
And I'm forever grateful to You
I'm forever grateful for the cross
I'm forever grateful to You
That You came to seek and save the lost.

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Sending & Blessing

Pastor: Go out into the world in peace: have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; help the suffering; honor all; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: With God's help we will.

Pastor: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you forever.

Congregation: Amen.

Closing Song: "Same Power"

I can see the waters raging at my feet
I can feel the breath of those surrounding me
I can hear the sound of nations rising up
We will not be overtaken we will not be overcome

I can walk down this dark and painful road
I can face every fear of the unknown
I can hear all God's children singing out
We will not be overtaken we will not be overcome

The same power that rose Jesus from the grave
The same power that commands the dead to wake
Lives in us lives in us
The same power that moves mountains when He speaks
The same power that can calm a raging sea
Lives in us lives in us
He lives in us, lives in us

We have hope that His promises are true
In His strength there is nothing we can't do
Yes we know there are greater things in store
We will not be overtaken we will not be overcome

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The same power that commands the dead to wake
Lives in us lives in us
The same power that moves mountains when He speaks
The same power that can calm a raging sea
Lives in us lives in us
He lives in us, lives in us

Greater is He that is living in me
He's conquered our enemy
No power of darkness no weapon prevails
We stand here in victory

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Friendship Celebration Announcements ~ September 4, 2022

DCE Installation and Dinner: We are excited to welcome Tim and Joy and give thanks to God for their arrival and positive response to the call we extended on June 26. The installation service for Tim Kaufmann as our DCE will be on Sunday, Sept. 11th at 4 pm. There will be a lasagna dinner afterward – please RSVP here so we can estimate how many to prepare for.

Ministry Fair: The annual FCLC Ministry Fair is happening on Sunday, Sept. 11, from 9:45-10:45 am. This is your prime opportunity to see all the ministry opportunities at FCLC and get connected by joining, learning and serving! We'll also have a bounce house for the kiddos and some fun activities outside. Ministry leaders: if you would like to reserve a table, contact Beca in the church office at office@friendshipcelebration.org by **today**. Thanks very much!

Spiritual Gifts: Part two of the spiritual gifts class is Sunday, September 4th from 9:45-10:45 am. The Spirit gives gifts as He wills. Bring your completed gifts inventory to discover the uniqueness of your gifting!

Grief Class: Pastor Cizmar's grief class will have reunion classes on September 18 and October 16 at 9:45. Join your classmates for continued support and fellowship.

LWML Fall Rally: Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church is hosting the Western Zone Fall Rally October 1st. The theme is "For Us and With Us" Romans 8:31-39. There will be a Bible study with Rev. Dan Jones, lunch provided and babysitting available upon request. For more information or to RSVP contact Charlotte Schafer at 208-863-3096. Please RSVP by September 21st.

New Snack Sign up: We are now using SignUp Genius to sign up to bring snacks. The link as provided in this week's 411 and is on our website under Connect/Church in Action Serving Opportunities. Scroll to the bottom of the page and the link will take you to the signup genius page. There are several weeks set up, so choose the weekend that works for you.

PASTOR'S NEW STUDY: How can we better understand and respectfully share the true gospel with our LDS friends and family? Starting Sept. 18th, at 9:45 in the sanctuary, Pastor Matt will be teaching a class on Mormonism. Before we can share our faith, we must first begin with their viewpoint in mind so we don't talk past each other. You are invited to learn and discover how the differences of doctrine and even the language shape their worldview and daily life. If you have LDS friends or family, this class is especially applicable! If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Matt. Thanks!

Greeters Needed: Would you be willing to stand at the sanctuary door and greet folks? You don't have to shake hands or hug. Just acknowledge people and welcome them. Volunteers for second service especially needed. If interested, please contact Paul Graham at: (208) 850-7646 or email at paulg57@hotmail.com.

Camp Perkins Updates! Camp Perkins is looking forward to a busy fall season and needs 2-3 counselors and a cook for September and October. Please continue to pray for staffing as we have 5 schools coming for Outdoor Education, along with various churches and other groups coming for weekend retreats. If you know someone who might be interested, point them our way.

Lock The Doors! Please remember to make sure **all** the doors are locked when you leave.

Advent By Candlelight & The Christmas Shoppe: The next Advent By Candlelight will be held December 3rd at 10am. What we need now are crafters to make things to be sold in the Christmas Shoppe. Men and women, young and old are invited to share their crafting talents. All sizes of gifts are needed. Proceeds from the sale will be donated. Contact Marla Olsen at 208-631-3325 with questions or to sign up to help.

Lutheran Hour Ministries Virtual Event: Join us from 9:30am to noon Saturday, September 24 at FCLC, or from your home computer, to learn and celebrate how the Gospel is proclaimed in over 60 countries. The event will include: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour with a special devotion, President & CEO Kurt Buchholz and Vice President of Global Ministries Rev. Dr. Tony Cook sharing updates on LHM's international outreach and global expansion, videos from some of our ministry centers, and information about LHM's online mission trip, Gospel Adventures. Register today at lhm.org/III2022 selecting Friendship Celebration Lutheran Church or participate from home. For more information contact Dale Bentley, bentleydale1976@gmail.com. Online registration is open through September 22.

Lutherans For Life: The Southern Idaho Chapter of Lutherans For Life is holding their quarterly meeting at Zion Lutheran Church in Nampa next Sunday, September 11th at 3pm. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss how Lutherans for Life can continue operating in the Treasure Valley, whether as congregational Life Teams, or via the existing Southern Idaho Chapter, or as a new area Life Chapter. Can't make the meeting in person? Email office@friendshipcelebration.org for the Zoom link.

Welcome Desk Hosts Needed: Love to meet new people? Consider volunteering to help out at the Welcome Desk on Sunday mornings. You would be at the Welcome Desk in the Fellowship Hall to greet our guests, visitors, and newer members and answer any questions they might have about FCLC. Interested in serving? Contact Paul Graham at 208-850-7646.

Women's Brunch: The Women's Fellowship Brunch is Saturday, September 17th at 10am. Our guest speaker will be Becki Walters. Come join us for fellowship, food, and fun. All women are welcome you can even bring a friend or two! Need more info? Contact Dottie Basye (208-949-5020) or Joan Hammerson (208-961-6503).

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Nurture Group Starting Up: The Nurture Group will begin the "The Chosen" series on September 6th. This group meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7pm in room 113 at FCLC. Questions? Contact Sharon Knudson at sharonknudson@hotmail.com.

ON THURSDAY: "Romans-In the Grip of Grace" by Max Lucado is a 6 session study beginning September 8th at 9:30am. Join us as Max guides us through Paul's letter to the Romans revealing what the apostle's words meant to his original readers and how they apply to you today. Questions or to join us, contact Joan Hammerson at johammerson@msn.com or text "I'm in!" to 208-861-6503

ON FRIDAY: "He Speaks to Me" by Priscilla Shirer beginning Friday September 9th from 10 to 11:30. This 6 week Bible study will cover how God speaks to us and each week we'll learn a new way that God has given us a heart and ears to hear. Text or email Nancy Cizmar if interested; 661-904-1593, nancycizmar@gmail.com.

Wilderness Wanderings Study: Matt Holmquist is continuing to lead this study of the Israelites' exodus and God's covenant of faithfulness. If you are interested please join us in room 132 during the Sunday school hour. Contact Matt at mattholmquist@msn.com for more info.

Food Bank: For the month of September we are collecting canned meats (tuna, chicken, salmon), crackers and bread for the Idaho Food Bank. Any other non-perishable food items are also welcomed. Please leave them in the plastic bin in the Fellowship Hall by the west doors.

Prayer Chain-Prayer Requests: If you would like to add a prayer to the prayer chain, please contact Donnette House@ 208-297-0775 or donnette15@gmail.com to request

FCLC Heads Back to School: Summer has wrapped and it's time to settle into the back to school routine. So let's see those smiles - share your back to school photos with us! Send your fun family photos to: office@friendshipcelebration.org by 9am Friday mornings to be included in the following Sunday's video.

Stay Connected! FCLC's Friendly 411 is a weekly e-newsletter sent on Thursdays. The Friendly Findings newsletter is printed monthly. To receive a digital copies of either or both publications email the church office at office@friendshipcelebration.org. Just include "Subscribe FF" to the subject line in your email. All issues of the monthly newsletter are also available on our website.



Friendship Celebration's Top Ten Core Values

1. Bible-centered Preaching, Teaching and Discipleship
(2 Timothy 3:16-17; Ephesians 2:8-10)
2. All People Matter to God
(Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 28:18-20)
3. Praise and Worship
(Acts 2:42; Psalm 26:8, Colossians 3:16)
4. Well-Mobilized Lay Leadership and Ministerial Staff
(Ephesians 4:11-13; 1 Peter 4:10)
5. Life Groups, Support Groups and Small Groups
(Hebrews 10:25)
6. Prayer
(Matthew 7:7-11; James 5:13-18)
7. Excellence, Process and Evaluation
(Romans 8:32; Colossians 3:23)
8. Financial Responsibility
(2 Corinthians 8-9)
9. Fellowship, a Loving Christian Community
(Acts 2:42; 1 Timothy 6:17)
10. Evangelism, Outreach and Lifestyle Witness
(Acts 1:8; 1 Peter 3:15)

Our Mission Statement

Celebrating: God the Father's love for us in creating us and giving His Son

Connecting: In faith with Jesus, Our Savior, and with others in love and care

Communicating: God's love in the power of the Holy Spirit