



“Ladies and Gentlemen”

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Elders Serving Today:

8:15am Lynn House – 11:00am Craig Bock

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Preservice Song: "Seek Ye First"

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His Righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you,
Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,
Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

Man does not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God,
Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

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Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Pastor: Let us worship God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Congregation: “He is our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust.”

Pastor: Let us confess with our mouths, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.

Congregation: “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Pastor: Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts, confessing him with our mouths, worshiping him in spirit and in truth.

Congregation: Amen.

Opening Song: *“Good, Good Father”*

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories of what they think you're like
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night
And you tell me that you're pleased
And that I'm never alone

You're a good, good Father
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

Oh, and I've seen many searching for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching
For answers only You provide
Cause You know just what we need
Before we say a word

You're a good, good Father
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

Cause You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Oh, it's love so undeniable
I, I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable
I, I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love, love, love

You're a good, good Father
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

You're a good, good Father
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

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Holy Baptism of Hannah Ruth Griffith (11am service) **Daughter of Aaron & Morgan Griffith**

Pastor: Jesus said to His disciples: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, as you are going, make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Mt. 28:19-20). The Apostle Peter said: "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is for you and for your children" (Acts 2:38-39).

The Bible also teaches us that we are conceived and born sinful and are in need of God to save us and claim us as His own. But the Father of all mercy and grace sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world that "whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Hannah, receive the sign of the cross of Jesus upon your forehead and your heart, to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

Hear how our Lord Jesus has opened the kingdom of heaven for us:

Mark 10:13-16

People were bringing little children to Jesus to have Him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, He was indignant. He said to them: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

Encouragement to Parents:

Pastor: It is your responsibility as parents to give witness to the faith in which this child is baptized. God has entrusted you with a tremendous gift in this child. We encourage you to:

Pray for her regularly as you are aware of her needs.

Give your encouragement, guidance, and love as she grows in their relationship to God and others.

Help to bring her up in an understanding of God's Word, love and plan.

Give her yourselves as a positive, growing example of what it means to follow Jesus.

You have high callings as parents and godparents. I, therefore, ask you: Do you gladly and willingly make this commitment today?

Parents & Sponsors: Yes, with the help of God.

Pastor: May God enable you to do this faithful and loving work.

Because baptism makes us children of God, let us call upon Him in prayer as our Father, that He who began the good work in us would bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: 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.

Pastor: Almighty God, we thank you that you are giving new birth to Hannah and making her your child and heir of the kingdom. Bless and keep all of us in baptismal grace by the power of Christ's death and resurrection that daily we die to sin and be raised to newness of life.

I now ask all present to make public testimony of our Christian faith:

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Pastor: Hannah Ruth Griffith, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

All: Amen.

Elder: Receive this burning light to show you have received Christ who is the light of the world. Live by this light and let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Pastor: In Holy Baptism, God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brother in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

All: We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

Friendship Fotos

Epistle

1 Timothy 2:1-15 ESV

8:15am Judy Sivey
11:00am Leah Marben

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

⁸I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; ⁹likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, ¹⁰but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. ¹¹Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

Holy Gospel

Luke 16:1-15 ESV

He also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ ³And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.

⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ ⁷Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

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: “Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord”

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord
Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord
And He shall lift you up
Higher and higher
And He shall lift you up.

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord
Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord
And He shall lift you up
Higher and higher
And He shall lift you up.

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.

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Sermon: “Ladies and Gentlemen”

1 Timothy 2

What kind of life does God want us to lead? The world says, “Be loud and proud!” The Word says, “Be holy and humble.” In helping men and women honor and fulfill their respective roles in the church, Paul reaches back to the Creation and the Fall and he finds an order that is foreign to modern culture. Are these passages, challenging, confusing, or all too clear?

Back in the Day

The church in Ephesus

Putting on your Sunday best

The Order of Creation

Saul: “Blessed art Thou, O Lord, our God and King, who hast not made me a Gentile, a slave or a woman.”

Paul: “There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

What to make of v. 15?

Male and Female

Different, but _____ and equal in terms of dignity and worth

After centuries of cultural blaming and shaming, how does Jesus honor and restore women?

Head (what?)

What’s Paul’s concern about worship roles?

What attraction is there when choosing to believe a lie, especially a cultural one?

How can we acknowledge and also honor the differences between men and women?

Heart (so what?)

How do you prepare for worship?

“Man looks at the outer appearance while God looks at the heart” (1 Sam 16:7)...So does outer appearance matter? Why or why not?

How do you handle difficult to understand or even offensive verses?

Hands (now what?)

If men and women are both made in the image of God and have equal worth, why support different roles?
How can discipling another person deepen your relationship with God and your self-understanding?
Are there any disputes with other believers that need to be resolved?

Nicene Creed (8:15)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven; and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers

Pastor: Sovereign King, we praise you for your just and righteous reign over the cosmos:
for the order you give to creation . . .
for your sovereign rule over the nations . . .
for your faithfulness to your church . . .
for your lordship in our lives . . .
You are at once King and servant, willing to give your life and caring even for what we might count as insignificant. So we approach your throne knowing you will listen to our prayers
for creation and its care . . .
for the nations of the world . . .
for our nation and its leaders . . .

for this community and those who are in authority . . .
for the church universal as it works on your behalf . . .
for this local church in its ministry . . .
for persons with particular needs . . .

We pray in your name, O Christ, our sovereign servant King.

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

"Broken For Me"

Broken for me, broken for you
The body of Jesus, broken for you.
He offered His body, He poured out His soul,
Jesus was broken, that we might be whole.
That we might be whole.

Broken for me, broken for you,
The body of Jesus, broken for you,
Come to my table, and with me dine,
Eat of my bread, and drink of my wine,
And drink of My wine.

Broken for me, broken for you
The body of Jesus, broken for you,
This is my blood, I shed for you,
For your forgiveness, making you new.
Making you new.

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“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

Alas! And did my Savior bleed and did my sovereign die
Would He devote that sacred head for such a worm as I?

Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree
Would He devote that grace unknown and love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide and shut his glories in
When God, the mighty maker, died for His own creatures' sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face while His dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness and melt mine eyes to tears.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away 'tis all that I can do.

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Pastor: Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Blessing

Pastor: May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

Congregation: Amen.

Closing Song: “To God Be the Glory”

To God be the glory, great things He has done
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life gate that all may go in

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear His voice

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son

And give Him the glory, great things He hath done

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood
To every believer the promise of God
The vilest offender who truly believes
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done

Great things He has taught us
Great things He has done
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

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Friendship Celebration Announcements ~ September 18, 2022

Voter's Meeting Today: There will be a very brief special voters' meeting today, Sept. 18 at 9:45 am. The single issue of business is to select a pastoral and lay delegate for the Circuit Forum which will choose delegates to the Synodical Convention in 2023.

Pastor's Class on Mormonism: 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!

Sunday School Starts Today! Classes for Pre-K through high school are starting today. We will meet at 9:45 in room 113.

7TH – 12TH GRADE YOUTH GROUP: Today, from 6pm – 8:30pm here at FCLC. We will have dinner, play games, and start a new series called, "You Belong Here!". Invite your friends!

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.

Movers Needed September 22: Help move our new DCE Tim Kaufmann and his wife Joy into their new home on Thursday, September 22. If you can help that morning or afternoon, please contact Tim at 714-944-6199 or tkaufmann@friendshipcelebration.org.

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.

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.

Sunday Snack Sign up: Thanks to all who brought snacks last Sunday, let's keep the energy going. When we have snacks people stay and chat, fellowship. This is a small way to make a big impact. The sign up link is on our website under Connect/Church in Action Serving Opportunities. There are several weeks set up, so choose the weekend that works for you.

Calling on Confirmation Students! Confirmation begins on Sunday, Sept. 25 (4:30-6:00 pm). First year students (7th grade) will learn Bible overview with Tim Kaufmann. Second year students (8th grade) will learn basics of Lutheran doctrine with Pastor Matt.

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.

Men's Breakfast: The next men's breakfast will be 9am on Oct 1st at FCLC. October's speaker is Richard Hopkins. Food will be prepared by Art Eacker and Dale Olsen. For more information on this or future breakfasts contact Ray Ohlaug at rohlaug0604@gmail.com or 208-908-3281.

Eagle Nurture Group: The Eagle Nurture Group has rescheduled their first meeting to September 20th. They will begin the "The Chosen" series. 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.

Calling All Crafters! The next Advent By Candlelight and Christmas Shoppe will be held December 3rd at 10am. We need 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.

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

Fall For Friendship Celebration: It's time for cider, hayrides, and pumpkin picking! Send your fall family photos to: office@friendshipcelebration.org by 9am Friday mornings to be included in the following Sunday's video.

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

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