



“The Good Fight”

September 25, 2022

Friendship Celebration Lutheran Church

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Elders Serving Today:

8:15am Robin Mein – 11:00am Blair Peters

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Preservice Song: “Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand?
What comes apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand

O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

Unto the grave what will we sing?
Christ He lives, Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

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Welcome & Announcements

Invocation and Opening Prayer

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: O God, who created us in love,

Congregation: create us anew in love as we worship you.

Pastor: O Jesus Christ, who redeemed this world in love,

Congregation: reclaim our hearts as we worship you.

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, who moves this world toward its God-appointed end,

Congregation: move within us as we worship you. Amen.

Confession of Sins

Pastor: Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior

Congregation: Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastor: The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down. Through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

Opening Song: *“House of the Lord”*

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet, oh we shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet, oh we shout out Your praise
We shout out your praise

We worship the God who was, We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors, He parted the raging sea
Our God He holds the victory

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We shout out your praise

We sing to the God who heals, We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross, Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones a – way

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet, oh we shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet, oh we shout out Your praise

We were the beggars, now we're royalty
We were the prisoners, now we're running free
We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise

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First Reading

Amos 6:1-7 ESV

8:15am Karl Bokenkamp

11:00am Matt Holmquist

“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion,
and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria,
the notable men of the first of the nations,
to whom the house of Israel comes!
² Pass over to Calneh, and see,
and from there go to Hamath the great;
then go down to Gath of the Philistines.
Are you better than these kingdoms?
Or is their territory greater than your territory,
³ O you who put far away the day of disaster
and bring near the seat of violence?
⁴ “Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and stretch themselves out on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the midst of the stall,
⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David invent for themselves instruments of music,
⁶ who drink wine in bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile,
and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

Epistle

1 Timothy 6:6-19 ESV

⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

¹¹But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, ¹⁴to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

Holy Gospel

Luke 16:19-31 ESV

¹⁹“There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish.

²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' ²⁷And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house—²⁸for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

Children's Message

Tim Kaufmann

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: "Fight the Good Fight"

(Instrumental Verse)

Fight the good fight with all your might;
Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Your joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace;
Lift up your eyes, and seek His face.
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on your guide;
His boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove
Christ is your life and Christ your love.

Faint not nor fear, His arms are near;
He changes not who holds you dear;
Only believe, and you will see
That Christ is all eternally.

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Affirmation of Faith

All: 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.

Sermon: “*The Good Fight*”

1 Timothy 6

To be a Christian is to have complete victory in Christ for eternal life and salvation. We are already overcomers because of Him. But it also means we engage in a lifelong struggle and cause against forces that would lead us astray. We need to hear how Paul exhorted Timothy, “Fight the good fight of the faith.” Don’t ever give up!

Want More?

_____ is bad for the economy.

If money is not bad or evil, then what makes riches so deceitful?

What should the rich do?

Getting the root

Fight or Flight

What is the connection between “righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness”? (v.11)

What good is eternal life when it comes to daily life?

Worth Fighting For

“The good fight is the one that is fought in the name of our dreams” (Paulo Coelho)

Don’t _____! Don’t _____!

“I charge you...”

The example of Paul: 2 Tim 4:7

Head (what?)

At what surprisingly low level should we be content?
What is the price people pay for riches? (v. 9-10)
What was Timothy urged to flee? To pursue?

Heart (so what?)

Why is it hard to be content?
What does it mean (and not mean) to “fight the good fight”?
When have you felt like giving up and what kept you going?
How does a person store up treasure in heaven?

Hands (now what?)

What area of your financial life is not lining up with your faith life?
How can you demonstrate generosity to another person?
Who could use some encourage to keep fighting?

Song of Response *“My Worth Is Not in What I Own”*

My worth is not in what I own;
Not in the strength of flesh and bone.
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose, in pride or shame.
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.

I rejoice in my Redeemer.
Greatest treasure, Wellspring of my soul.
I will trust in Him, no other;
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.

As summer flow'rs we fade and die;
Fame youth and beauty hurry by.
But life eternal calls to us at the cross.

I will not boast in wealth or might,
Or human wisdom's fleeting light.
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross.

I rejoice in my Redeemer.
Greatest treasure, Wellspring of my soul.
I will trust in Him, no other;
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.

Two wonders here that I confess;
My worth and my unworthiness.
My value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross.

I rejoice in my Redeemer.
Greatest treasure, Wellspring of my soul.
I will trust in Him, no other;
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.

I rejoice in my Redeemer.
Greatest treasure, Wellspring of my soul.
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My soul is satisfied in Him alone.

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Prayers

Pastor: Lord of heaven and earth, we praise and thank you for upholding and ruling all creation by your eternal providence:
for your sustaining hand in creation . . .
for providing leaders in government . . .
for church leaders . . .
for the way in which you have worked in this church . . .
for the riches you have lavished upon each one of us . . .
and for the great gift of your Son, through whom we are redeemed.
As our sovereign God holding our world and our lives in your hands,
we intercede on behalf of
the nations of the world . . .
those whom you have put in government . . .
our community and those who serve in it . . .
your church, that it may expand your kingdom, especially in . . .
We ask that your powerful hands may be evident in the lives of . . .
And in all circumstances may we have the faith to hold on to your promise that you will work things out for our good, even when we see no good. We pray this in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, to whom belongs the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

Congregation: Amen.

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.

Sending

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Blessing

Pastor: May the grace of Christ, which daily renews us, and the love of God, which enables us to love all, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, which unites us in one body, make us eager to obey the will of God until we meet again, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Closing Song: "Only Jesus"

Make it count, leave a mark, build a name for yourself.
Dream your dreams, chase your heart, above all else.
Make a name the world remembers.
But all an empty world can sell is empty dreams.
I got lost in the light when it was up to me
To make a name the world remembers.
But Jesus is the only name to remember.

And I, I don't want to leave a legacy.
I don't care if they remember me.
Only Jesus.
And I, I've only got one life to live.
I'll let every second point to Him.
Only Jesus.

All the kingdoms built, all the trophies won
Will crumble into dust when it's said and done.
'Cause all that really matters:

Did I live the truth to the ones I love?
Was my life the proof that there is only One
Whose name will last forever?

And I, I don't want to leave a legacy.
I don't care if they remember me.
Only Jesus.

And I, I've only got one life to live.
I'll let every second point to Him.
Only Jesus.

(Instrumental Interlude)

Jesus is the only name,
Jesus is the only name,
Jesus is the only name to remember.

Jesus is the only name,
Jesus is the only name,
Jesus is the only name to remember.

And I, I don't want to leave a legacy.
I don't care if they remember me.
Only Jesus.

And I, I've only got one life to live.
I'll let every second point to Him.
Only Jesus.

I don't want to leave a legacy.
I don't care if they remember me.
Only Jesus.

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Friendship Celebration Announcements ~ September 25, 2022

Wanted: Candy & Car Trunks - Trunk or Treat will be October 29th from 6pm-10pm. We need candy and people to sign up to host a trunk. This is one of FCLC's largest community events, with a family-friendly evening of trunk-or-treating, carnival games, bounce houses, and yummy food. There are many ways to help....

1. Decorate your trunk and pass out candy. Last year we expected 1,500 trunk or treaters and we got them. So we need a lot of decorated trunks to make this a success!
2. Donate candy
3. Set up or clean up.
4. Volunteer Staff to run carnival games, parking, make hot dogs, serve food.

Sunday School Digs Into a New School Year! Sunday School meets each Sunday between the worship services from 9:45am-10:45am. All children PreK – 6th Grade start in room 113 with an opening before heading to their classroom. This year's theme is "Digging Into The Heart of God". Kids will explore God's character throughout the Bible and discover what it means to reflect the heart of God in everyday life. There is also a class for all 7th grade-high school students that meets upstairs. Contact DCE Tim Kaufmann at tkaufmann@friendshipcelebration.org if you have questions!

Calling on Confirmation Students! Confirmation is today at 4:30-6pm. 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.

Construction on Chinden: Work on Chinden is starting. We have been informed that shoulder work on the south side of Chinden (our side) will begin in the next couple of weeks. Completion is estimated to be June 2023. We will provide updates as we have them.

LWML Fall Rally: Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church is hosting the LWML 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.

Massive Thank You's to all who helped make our October Women's Fellowship Brunch an awesome success. We had nearly 50 ladies in attendance. Much appreciation to David Reinke and Karl Bokenkamp for their IT/Sound support! A huge thank-you to Becki Walters for sharing her story with us. If you missed the women's breakfast not all is lost. Contact the office for the link to the breakfast recording.

Perky Good Time: Phyllis Garner is holding a training on how the church coffee bar runs. Come learn how to make the coffee and where things are kept on October 2nd at 9:45. Fellow coffee drinkers, this might be the most important 15 minutes of your week.

Pastor's Class on Mormonism: Pastor Matt is teaching a class on Mormonism at 9:45 in the sanctuary. How can we better understand and respectfully share the true gospel with our LDS friends and family? 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! A recording of the first class is available upon request.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82886924288?pwd=bTBUNzh2b2phWXUwWW5XYzFUFhpdz09>

Meeting ID: 828 8692 4288

Passcode: FCLC

Help Send Kids to Camp! The next Advent By Candlelight and Christmas Shoppe will be held December 3rd at 10am. Proceeds from this year's sale will go toward a need based camp scholarship fund for Camp Perkins & FCLC Summer Camps. The more items to sell the more money can be raised. Please consider making 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. Contact Marla Olsen at 208-631-3325 with questions or to sign up to help.

New Women's Bible Study Beginning Soon: Learn how to live fully right where you are, when you open your eyes to ordinary, amazing grace regardless of your circumstances. Join us for Ann Voskamp's 5 week study called "One Thousand Gifts." This study begins Thursday, October 20th and runs through November 17th at 9:30am in Room 132. If you are interested in this Bible study, please contact Joan Hammerson (johammerson@msn.com) by Monday, October 3rd, so that we can order enough study guides. Cost for the study guide is \$12.

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.

Save Sunday Snacks: This is a small way to make a big impact. There are several weeks set up, so choose the weekend that works for you. The signup genius link is on our website under Connect/Church in Action Serving Opportunities.

Fall For Friendship Celebration: It's time for cider, hay rides 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.

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.

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