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Elders Serving Today:

8:15am Robin Mein – 11:00am Chris Salvaggio

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Preservice Song: *“How Firm A Foundation”*

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled

Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!

When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all sufficient, will be your supply;
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.

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Welcome & Announcements

Invocation and Call to Worship

Leader: We open our worship today in the name of the Father, and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Leader: Everlasting God, our Way Maker in whom we live and move and have
our being: You have created us for Yourself, and our hearts are
restless until they rest in Your peace. Give us today a purity of heart
and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from
knowing Your will, and that no weakness will keep us from fulfilling it;
that by Your Holy Spirit we may see Your light clearly, and walk Your
service and discover Your perfect freedom and joy through Jesus
Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

Opening Song: "Way Maker"

You are here moving in our midst
I worship You, I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You, I worship You

You are, Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

You are, Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

You are here turning lives around
I worship You, I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You

You are, Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

You are, Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

That is who You are, That is who You are
That is who You are, That is who You are

Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working
You never stop You never stop working

Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working
You never stop You never stop working

Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
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Light in the darkness my God that is who You are
That is who You are, That is who You are
That is who You are, That is who You are

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Confession of Sins and Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Almighty God, we humbly ask that, through Your Word today that You would mold us to be like the Apostles of old, strong in our faith and bringing forth fruits of good living and faithful witnesses of your love and grace. So forgive our past offenses on this very day, and sanctify us now, as we quiet ourselves, and reflect upon our sins of the past, seeking Your mercy, and ready to receive Your abundant grace.

Leader: People of God, righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe, therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, it is my privilege to announce to you the complete forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: By faith I now have a deep-rooted assurance, created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel, that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, I have had my sins forgiven today, and I have been made forever right with God, and have been granted His free gift of salvation, all in Jesus name. Amen.

Friendship Fotos

First Reading

Genesis 15:1-6 ESV

8:15am Art Eacker
11:00am Kaylin Collingwood

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.”²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?”³And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.”⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.”⁵And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

Epistle

Hebrews 11:1-16 ESV

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.²For by it the people of old received their commendation.³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God.⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

Holy Gospel

Luke 12:22-34 ESV

²²And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith!

²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. ³²"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

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 Hymn: "We Believe"

In this time of desperation when all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation we believe, we believe
In this broken generation when all is dark You help us see
There is only one salvation we believe, we believe

We believe in God the Father we believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit and He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion we believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection and he's coming back again we believe

So let our faith be more than anthems greater than the songs we sing
And in our weakness and temptations we believe we believe

We believe in God the Father we believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit and He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion we believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection and he's coming back again

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised
In the here and now let love invade
Let the church live loud our God will save
We believe, we believe
And the gates of hell will not prevail
For the power of God has torn the veil
Now we know Your love will never fail
We believe, we believe

We believe in God the Father we believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit and He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion we believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection and he's coming back

He's coming back again
He's coming back again
We believe, we believe

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Sermon: *"Fear, Faith and Anxiety"*

- 1) High _____ is often revealed in our dramatic _____ in life.
- 2) The root of our anxiety is _____.
 - A) _____ fear is the fear of the _____.
 - B) Healthy fear are God given _____ from the Lord.
 - C) _____ fears are fears that are _____.
 - D) _____ fears are fears due to _____ _____.
- 3) As Christians, we have been given the God given _____ to _____ against anxiety through the amazing gift of _____.
 - A) _____ is a _____ from God.
 - B) As our faith _____, our anxieties _____.
 - C) Through _____ in Jesus Christ, we have the absolute _____ that our gracious Lord will _____ His _____!
 - D) The _____ of Christ that _____ understanding!

Head (what?)

How many years did Abram wait for God to give him a son?

How are fear, anxiety, and faith intentional responses?

Are anxiety and fear wasted emotions? Explain your answer.

Heart (so what?)

When have you been overwhelmed by fear and anxiety?

How has God helped you during those times?

What is the most difficult thing God has asked you to do?

Hands (now what?)

What is God calling you to do to comfort a fearful or anxious neighbor?

How can discipling others reduce fear and anxiety while increasing faith?

Where is God leading you to step out in faith?

Prayers

Leader:

Ascended Lord, we praise you. In your death you utterly wiped out the damning evidence of your broken laws and commandments that always hung over our heads with conviction. You completely annulled it by nailing it to the cross. In your resurrection you gave us new life, true freedom, and a life full of new possibilities. In your ascension you paraded sin and death behind you in your triumphal procession. You, O Lord, are our guarantee of victory. And today, we express our gratefulness that at this very moment you have called us, as your chosen people into a time of intimate prayer with you, so we lift before you our praise and thanksgiving for who you are, and for adopting us your very own in Holy Baptism. So hear our prayers today, and answer them, O Lord, in accordance with your perfect will and your perfect timetable. These prayers and all of them that your lay on our hearts and minds today, we lift them before you in the very words that our Lord taught us to pray together.

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.

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:

"Draw Near And Take The Body of The Lord"

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heavenly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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"My Faith Looks Up To Thee"

My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!

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Sending

Leader: Grant, O Lord, that what has been said with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and that what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives, by proclaiming Your good news to others, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Congregation: Amen

Blessing

Leader: Now, may The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and all the people of God say....

Congregation: Amen

Closing Song: "Greater"

Bring your tired and bring your shame
Bring your guilt and bring your pain
Don't you know that's not your name
You will always be much more to me

Every day I wrestle with the voices
That keep telling me I'm not right
But that's alright

'Cause I hear a voice and He calls me redeemed
When others say I'll never be enough
And greater is the One living inside of me
Than he who is living in the world

In the world
In the world
And greater is the One living inside of me
Than he who is living in the world

Bring your doubts and bring your fears
Bring your hurt and bring your tears
There'll be no condemnation here
You are holy, righteous, and redeemed

Every time I fall
There'll be those who will call me
A mistake
Well that's OK

'Cause I hear a voice and He calls me redeemed
When others say I'll never be enough
And greater is the One living inside of me
Than he who is living in the world

In the world
In the world
And greater is the One living inside of me
Than he who is living in the world

(Instrumental)

There'll be days I lose the battle
Grace says that it doesn't matter
'Cause the cross already won the war

I am learning to run freely
Understanding just how He sees me
And it makes me love Him more and more

There'll be days I lose the battle
Grace says that it doesn't matter
'Cause the cross already won the war

I am learning to run freely
Understanding just how He sees me
And it makes me love Him more and more

'Cause I hear a voice and He calls me redeemed
When others say I'll never be enough
And greater is the One living inside of me
Than he who is living in the world

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Friendship Celebration Announcements ~ August 7, 2022

Advent By Candlelight Returns! The ladies of FCLC are bringing back Advent by Candlelight and The Christmas Shoppe. The first planning meeting will be August 24th at noon, please bring a lunch. Following meetings will be held at different times and days to give as many people as possible the opportunity to participate in this event. Help is needed for all aspects of the event from planning, set up, crafters and presenting. Check out FCLC's Events calendar online or Contact Marla at 208-637-3325 for more information. Texting is best, please lead with Advent by Candlelight.

Welcome Desk Hosts: If you are a steady or weekly attendee, please consider helping out at the Welcome Desk on Sunday mornings by greeting visitors and answering any questions they might have about Friendship Celebration. This is a different position than the greeters at the doors. Contact Joan Hammerson at johammerson@msn.com or text 208.861.6503.

Grief Class Reunion: Pastor Cizmar's grief class will reunite for one day next Sunday, Aug. 14th during the 9:45 Sunday school time. This will be a time for continued support for class members.

Online Resources: There is now a Bible Study Archive Library on our church website www.friendshipcelebration.org. You can access materials for a missed class or start a new study and go at your own pace. To access the library click on the Resources tab on our home page and follow the link to the Bible Study Archive Library webpage.

Final Week of Summer Day Camps: This week is Extreme Splash Camp. Registration forms are available on the FCLC website and on the Welcome Desk. Need more info? Visit our website at www.friendshipcelebration.org

Food Bank: For the month of August, we are collecting baby/toddler foods and baby formula for the Idaho Food Bank. Any non-perishable food items are much welcomed. Please leave them in the plastic bin in the Fellowship Hall by the west doors.

New Pastor: Pastor Colby Howell will be ordained at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church today at 4:00 pm. LCMS Northwest District President Linnemann will preach. Your presence and prayers are welcomed as Pastor Colby Howell starts in ministry at Immanuel, Brookfield, WI.

Wondering What Spiritual Gifts God Has Given You? Join us in Room 130 on Sunday, August 28th at 9:45am to discover your unique set of spiritual gifts and talents. This Spiritual Gifts survey will give you guidance on what your gifts and how to apply them to your life. Come find out how your gifts fit into God's Kingdom plan. This class is free and open to EVERYONE from high school on up--men & women alike. For more info, contact Joan Hammerson (johammerson@msn.com) or sign up under the Fellowship Hall TV on the north wall.

Sunday Morning Class: Today, August 7th, is week three of Pastor Tom Cizmar's class on prayer called "Nurturing Your Faith". It's a four-week video series from Lutheran Hour Ministries. Please join us at 9:45 am in the sanctuary or on Zoom. Here's the invite:

Meeting ID: 874 0213 9565

Passcode: FCLC

Free Rides To & From Sunday Services: Simply call Green City Taxi at 208-353-1693 to request a ride. This service is available to those who are not able to drive or don't have a mode of transportation. FCLC is providing this service at no cost to the rider. If you have any questions, please contact the church office or your Elder. Thanks to Aaron Hubler for making these arrangements!

Choir Rehearsals Start Soon: Choir will begin weekly practices Wednesday, August 17th from 6:30-7:30pm. Please let Rebekah Fry know if you are interested in joining our choir or have any questions! You can reach her by phone: (513) 504-7682 or email: rfry@friendshipcelebration.com.

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

Friendship Fotos: Send in your fun family photos! Pictures should include what the people of FCLC have been up to (*ie: no pets/nature shots unless you're in it...we want to see YOU!*). Pictures should be high resolution and .jpg format. Email to: office@friendshipcelebration.org by 9am Friday morning to be included in the following Sunday's video.

Stay Connected! FCLC's Friendly 411 is a weekly e-newsletter that comes out on Thursdays directly to your email inbox. To sign up, email the church office at office@friendshipcelebration.org. You may also request a PDF copy of our monthly Friendly Findings newsletter. 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