



“Say, Who Said That?”

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Friendship Celebration Lutheran Church

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Elders Serving Today:

8:15am Bob Yocum – 11:00am Neal Lindemood

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Preservice Song: *“Hymn of Heaven”*

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets
To look upon the one who bled to save me
And walk with Him for all eternity

There will be a day when all will bow before Him
There will be a day when death will be no more
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again
Holy, holy is the Lord

And every prayer we prayed in desperation
The songs of faith we sang through doubt and fear
In the end we'll see that it was worth it
When He returns to wipe away our tears

There will be a day when all will bow before Him
There will be a day when death will be no more
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again
Holy, holy is the Lord

And on that day we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith
With one voice a thousand generations
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Forever He shall reign

There will be a day when all will bow before Him
There will be a day when death will be no more
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again
Holy, holy is the Lord

So let it be today we shout the hymn of Heaven
With angels and the saints we raise a mighty roar
Glory to our God who gave us life beyond the grave
Holy, holy is the Lord
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Welcome & Announcements

Invocation & Call to Worship

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

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith,
Who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its
shame, and sat down at the right hand of God.

**Congregation: Let us consider Him who endured such opposition from
sinful people, so that we will not grow weary and lose heart.**

Opening Song: “O Worship the King”

O worship the King, all glorious above.
O gratefully sing His pow’r and His love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder-clouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
While angels delight to hymn Thee above,
Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall sing to Thy praise.

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First Reading

Jeremiah 23:16-29 ESV

8:15am Mike Wilson
11:00am Terri Bentley

¹⁶Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. ¹⁷They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

¹⁸For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD
to see and to hear his word,
or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

¹⁹Behold, the storm of the LORD!
Wrath has gone forth,
a whirling tempest;
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

²⁰The anger of the LORD will not turn back
until he has executed and accomplished
the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

²¹“I did not send the prophets,
yet they ran;
I did not speak to them,
yet they prophesied.

²²But if they had stood in my council,
then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,
and they would have turned them from their evil way,
and from the evil of their deeds.

²³“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away? ²⁴Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ ²⁶How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?

Epistle

Hebrews 11:17-31, 12:1-3 ESV

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ¹⁹He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²²By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

²³By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

²⁹By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

12Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

Holy Gospel

Luke 12:49-53 ESV

⁴⁹“I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵²For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

Affirmation of Faith

All: **With the whole creation we wait for the purifying fire of judgment. For then we will see the Lord face to face. He will heal our hurts, end our wars, and make the crooked straight. Then we will join in the new song to the Lamb without blemish who made us a kingdom and priests. God will be all in all, righteousness and peace will flourish, everything will be made new, and every eye will see at last that our world belongs to God! Hallelujah! Come, Lord Jesus.**

—Our World Belongs to God, st. 58

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.*

Children's Message

Rebekah Fry

Sermon Song: "Worthy Is The Lamb"

Thank You for the cross Lord
Thank You for the price You paid
Bearing all my sin and shame
In love You came
And gave amazing grace

Thank You for this love Lord
Thank You for the nail-pierced hands
Washed me in Your cleansing flow
Now all I know
Your forgiveness and embrace

Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne
Crown You now with many crowns
You reign victorious
High and Lifted up Jesus Son of God
The darling of heaven crucified
Worthy is the Lamb
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Sermon: “Say, Who Said That?”

Jeremiah 23

Head (what?)

How can a false prophet be identified?

Why is false religion attractive to pop culture?

How can a lie be easier and more reassuring than the truth?

Heart (so what?)

When have you genuinely, but wrongly, heard and believed an untrue message?

Who told it to you? How did you learn it was untrue?

In what way has God's truth changed your behavior?

Hands (now what?)

Where is God calling you into a deeper relationship?

Identify a lie you held onto for a while because it promised you something or met a need. What is the healthy and honest approach instead?

What can you do to share God's truth in your home, neighborhood, and community?

Song of Response *"In The Cross Alone I Glory"*

In the cross alone I glory
Recognition laying down
Greatest treasures count as worthless
Standing next to Heaven's crowns
Standing next to Heaven's crowns

In the cross alone I glory
Ever reaching for the prize
Pressing on and laying hold of
That for which my Savior died
That for which my Savior died

In the cross alone I glory
Nothing of my own to give
Only that which Christ has offered
For my soul that I may live
For my soul that I may live

In the cross alone I glory
Holding fast the word of life
Toiling not in vain but being
Poured out as a sacrifice
Poured out as a sacrifice

Never will I seek the glory
That was never meant for me
Always heavenward reflecting
All to Jesus to receive
All to Jesus to receive

In the cross alone I glory
Nothing of my own to give
Only that which Christ has offered
For my soul that I may live
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The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven;
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Prayers

Pastor: Almighty God,

Congregation: We thank You that You have highly exalted Your Son, Jesus Christ. Before Him every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. He has made captivity itself a captive; and has given gifts to His people. We rejoice that Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, has triumphed most gloriously and is our Lord. Bring us at last into Your presence, so that we can live and praise You together with all the saints forever and ever. Amen.

Closing Prayer

Pastor: Eternal God, You taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand.

Congregation: Keep us awake and alert, watching for Your kingdom, and make us strong in faith, so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth, we may joyfully give Him praise who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

Pastor: 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 favor and give you peace.

Congregation: Amen.

Closing Song: "Behold Our God"

Who has held the oceans in His hands
Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the One who knows all things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Savior risen now to reign

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

You will reign forever, You will reign forever
You will reign forever, You will reign forever
You will reign forever, You will reign forever
You will reign forever, You will reign forever

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
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Friendship Celebration Announcements ~ August 14, 2022

No Youth Group Today: Senior High Youth group is cancelled for today. We will resume on August 21st.

Grief Class Reunion Today: Pastor Cizmar's grief class will reunite today during the 9:45 Sunday school time. This will be a time for continued support for class members.

Sunday Morning Class: Today is the final session of "Nurturing Your Faith". Please join us at 9:45 am in the sanctuary or on Zoom. Here's the invite:

Meeting ID: 874 0213 9565

Passcode: FCLC

Summer Day Camps: A huge Thank You goes out to Charlie and his team for another successful year of summer day camp.

Service Opportunity For All: Are you a "hands on", "git-r-dun", or DIY type person? Then this is for you. Volunteers are needed to assist with weekly maintenance tasks at our FCLC campus. The dedicated ranks of Saturday workers is growing thin and we could use additional people to get projects completed. We meet Saturday mornings from 9am-noon. To find out more or to sign up, contact Robin Mein (208-250-1729) or Ralph Cavalieri (509-595-8340).

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 Friendship Celebration. Interested in serving? Contact Paul Graham (208-850-7646).

Advent By Candlelight: The ladies of FCLC are bringing back Advent by Candlelight and The Christmas Shoppe. The first planning meeting will be August 24th at noon. Following meetings will be held at different times and days to give as many people as possible the opportunity to participate in this event. Contact Marla at 208-631-3325 for more information. Texting is best, please lead with Advent by Candlelight.

Happy Fall, Y'all!!! Ladies, mark your calendar and plan to join us for the Women's Fellowship Brunch on Saturday, September 17th at 10am. Our guest speaker will be Becki Walters. Come join us for fellowship, food, and fun. Bring a friend or two (or more). All women are welcome! Need more info? Contact Dottie Basye (208-949-5020) or Joan Hammerson (208-961-6503). We look forward to seeing you!!

Choir Rehearsal Starts Wednesday Weekly rehearsals start August 17th at 6:30-7:30pm. Please let Rebekah Fry know if you are interested in joining or have any questions! (513) 504-7682 or email: rfry@friendshipcelebration.com

TWO NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES:

ON THURSDAY: "Romans-In the Grip of Grace" by Max Lucado. This 6 session study begins September 8th at 9:30am. Women of all ages are invited to 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. The study guide cost is \$8.50. To join us, contact Joan Hammerson at johammerson@msn.com or text "I'm in!" to 208-861-6503. If you need a scholarship for the study guide, we've got you covered!

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.

Need a ride to FCLC? Simply call Green City Taxi at 208-353-1693 to request rides to and from FCLC. 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.

Men's Breakfast: The next men's breakfast will be September 3rd. Our speaker will be Charlie Young and food will be prepared by Ron Bischoff. For more information on this or future breakfast's contact Ray Ohlaug at rohlaug0604@gmail.com or 208-908-3281.

Spiritual Gifts Class August 28th! Join us in Room 130 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.

Food Bank: For the month of August we are collecting baby/toddler food 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.

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: From traveling abroad to visiting national parks to staycations, it has been a busy summer for many of you and we want to see what you're up to. Emphasis on you, members of FCLC, not photos of just pets or beautiful scenery. 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 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