



*“FEVER PITCH”*  
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# Friendship Celebration

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**Elders Serving: 8:15am Ron Bischoff ~ 11:00am Aaron Hubler**

February 7, 2021

## Preservice Song: "Made to Worship"

Before the day, before the light  
Before the world revolved around the sun  
God on high stepped down into time  
And wrote the story of His love for everyone.

He has filled our hearts with wonder  
So that we always remember

You and I were made to worship  
You and I are called to love  
You and I are forgiven and free  
When You and I embrace surrender  
When You and I choose to believe  
You and I will see who we were meant to be.

All we are, and all we have  
Is all a gift from God that we receive  
Brought to life we open up our eyes  
To see the majesty and glory of the King.

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And even the rocks cry out  
And even the heavens shout  
At the sound of His holy name  
So let every voice sing out  
And let every knee bow down  
He is worthy of all our praise.

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When You and I embrace surrender  
When You and I choose to believe  
Then You and I will see who we were meant to..

You and I were made to worship  
You and I are called to love  
You and I are forgiven and free, yeah  
When You and I embrace surrender  
When You and I choose to believe  
Then You and I will see who we were meant to be.  
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## Welcome & Announcements

### Invocation and Call to Worship

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

**Congregation: Amen.**

Leader: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

**Congregation: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.**

Leader: We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in His holy temple.

**Congregation: We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**Congregation: Teach us Your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.**

## **Opening Set: “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”**

Open now thy gates of beauty;  
Zion, let me enter there,  
Where my soul in joyful duty  
Waits for Him who answers prayer.  
Oh, how blessed is this place,  
Filled with solace, light, and grace!

Gracious God, I come before Thee;  
Come Thou also unto me.  
Where we find Thee and adore Thee,  
There a heav'n on earth must be.  
To my heart, O enter Thou;  
Let it be Thy temple now.

Here Thy praise is gladly chanted;  
Here Thy seed is duly sown.  
Let my soul, where it is planted,  
Bring forth precious sheaves alone,  
So that all I hear may be  
Fruitful unto life in me.

Thou my faith increase and quicken;  
Let me keep Thy gift divine,  
Howsoe'er temptations thicken,  
May Thy Word still o'er me shine  
As my guiding star through life,  
As my comfort in all strife.

Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee;  
Let Thy will be done indeed.  
May I undisturbed draw near Thee  
While Thou dost Thy people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows;  
Here is balm for all our woes.

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### ***“Everlasting God”***

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,  
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Our God, You reign forever.  
Our hope, our strong Deliverer.

You are the everlasting God,  
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You do not faint,  
You won't grow weary  
You're the Defender of the weak,  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

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*(Piano Interlude)*

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## Confession of Sins

Leader: God of love, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done, we have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness; we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to You. Forgive us and renew our lives through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Hear the good news: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

## Sharing of the Pics

### Old Testament

### Isaiah 40:21-31 ESV

8:15am Dick Reimann

11:00am Terri Bentley

<sup>21</sup>Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? <sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; <sup>23</sup>who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. <sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. <sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing. <sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. <sup>30</sup>Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

## Epistle

## 1 Corinthians 9:16-27 ESV

<sup>16</sup>For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

<sup>19</sup>For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

<sup>24</sup>Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup>Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. <sup>26</sup>So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. <sup>27</sup>But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

## Holy Gospel

## Mark 1:29-39 ESV

<sup>29</sup>And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. <sup>31</sup>And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered together at the door. <sup>34</sup>And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup>And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, <sup>37</sup>and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

# Children's Message

## Friendship Cards/Prayer Requests

**Offering** *You may give your offering by giving online through the church website at [www.friendshipcelebration.org](http://www.friendshipcelebration.org), by signing up for automatic withdrawal 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: "Speak O Lord"

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your holy Word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise,  
Cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of power that can never fail;  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

## **Sermon: “Fever Pitch”**

*Mark 1*

Jesus does nothing according to convention in Mark 1. Instead of basking in the favor of crowds in Capernaum, Jesus draws strength from solitude and prayer. While we may seek out what is comfortable and known, Jesus shows focus and determination to reach more people.

### **Home Sweet Home**

After worship plans?

Why it’s hard to find good work these days...

### **From Fever to Frenzy**

Physical → Spiritual

Doorstep delivery

### **Jesus the Itinerant Preacher**

Pray, pray, pray

“Everyone is looking for you” (v. 37)

Always thinking “next towns”

## **Life Group Questions**

### **Head (what?)**

- Why did the people wait until evening to bring their sick to Jesus?
- Why were the disciples looking for Jesus?
- How does Jesus resist fame and popularity?

### **Heart (so what?)**

- What is your response when God calls you to leave the comfortable and familiar for the unknown?
- How do the expectations or needs of others distract you from being alone with God?
- Do you seek Jesus for who He is or what He can do for you? Explain your answer.
- In your opinion, what is the best time of day for spending time alone with God?

## Hands (now what?)

Through prayer, how have you seen your circumstances (or the perception of your circumstances) change?

What will you do to improve or continue your prayer life?

What's comfortable that's keeping you from greater adventure?

## The Nicene Creed

**All: 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

**Leader:** Let us pray for the church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess Your name may be united in Your truth, live together in Your love, and reveal Your glory in the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Congregation: Hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace, that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord in Your mercy,

**Congregation: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as Your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord in your mercy,

**Congregation: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of Your salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Congregation: Hear our prayer, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.

## 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.

## **Distribution Songs: “O Come to Me the Master Said”**

O come to me, the master said, my Father knows your need;  
And I shall be, the Master said, your Bread of Life indeed.  
By faith in Him we live and grow and share the broken bread,  
And all His love and goodness now for so the Master said.

Abide in Me, the Master said, the true and living Vine;  
My life shall be, the Master said, poured out for you as wine.  
His body to the cross He gave, His blood He freely shed,  
Who came in love to seek and save, for so the Master said.

Believe in Me, the Master said, for I have called you friends,  
And yours shall be, the Master said, the life that never ends.  
And so, with sin and sorrow past, when death itself is dead,  
The Lord shall raise us up at last, for so the Master said.

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## ***“Have Thine Own Way”***

Have Thine own way, Lord,  
Have Thine own way!  
Thou art the Potter; I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me  
After Your will  
While I am waiting, yielded and still!

Have Thine own way, Lord,  
Have Thine own way!  
Search me and try me, Master today!  
Whiter than snow, Lord,  
Wash me just now,  
As in Thy presence humbly I bow!

Have Thine own way, Lord,  
Have Thine own way.  
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!  
Power, all power, surely is Thine!  
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have Thine own way, Lord,  
Have Thine own way.  
Hold o'er my being, absolute sway!  
Fill with Thy Spirit, Till all shall see  
Christ only, always, living in me!

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## Thanksgiving

Leader: We bless You, O God, for gifts of bread and cup,

**Congregation: For sustaining us in hope, every day of our lives. We pray for  
Your strength to prepare us now for Your service as we offer to  
You lives of witness and worship in the world you have made.  
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## Blessing

Leader: 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: *“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.

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I don't care if they remember me.  
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## Friendship Celebration Announcements ~ February 7, 2021

**Special Voters' Meeting Results:** FCLC members voted to delay the District and Synod convention cycle by one year. Final results from the LCMS will be announced after Feb. 15th.

**Lent/Ash Wednesday:** Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17. Pastor Tom Cizmar is leading the worship service at 7 pm which will have Holy Communion and imposition of ashes (optional). There are no soup suppers beforehand. Midweek services will be in-person (masks encouraged) and online so please join us for a midweek connection as we look at the red letters!

**Red Letter Challenge:** FCLC is taking part in the 40-day Red Letter Challenge in the season of Lent! This will be a congregation-wide endeavor of focusing on and doing the words of Jesus. Whether you are home, or in-person, this challenge is for all of us. Four districts, including the Northwest, are taking part in this as well. The book "Red Letter Challenge" is written by Zach Zender, a LCMS pastor. These books have been ordered and are soon to be available for \$10. We want each household to have a book so we can do the challenge together. If cost is an issue, we are happy to cover the cost of the book. The challenge begins Feb. 16! **Pick up your book today in the Fellowship Hall!**

**Director of Music:** Friendship Celebration Lutheran Church in Meridian, Idaho is searching for a Director of Music. The position involves approximately 12 hours per week which includes: selecting music, holding rehearsal, and leading worship music for two Sunday morning services each week. For a full job description, compensation details, and application requirements, contact Aaron Hubler at: aaronhubler5@gmail.com.

**Corinthians Sunday Bible Study:** *2 Corinthians starts today...it's the perfect time to join!* Come join this Bible study led by Pastor Matt on the book of 2 Corinthians. You can catch up by going to the church website and downloading the handout and audio from the previous sessions. This class will be at 9:30am on Sunday mornings on Zoom, but if you want to gather in person with others, we will also use the smart TV in Room 130. Our hope is to cover a couple chapters at a time with some flexibility! These are great letters from Paul and very useful for the times we are in. For Zoom link, send an e-mail to: mhenry@friendshipcelebration.org.

**Preschool Registration for 2021-2022:** Preschool registration for the 2021-2022 school year is now open! A registration form can be picked up in the office or by going to this link: <http://www.fclcpreschool.org/registration.html>

**FEAR NOT or FEAR GOD:** Beginning **TODAY**, February 7th from 9:45am to 10:30am we will be looking throughout Scripture on how we as followers of Christ should be handling fear. Do you fear anything (Covid, politics, people, punishment, death,... God)? Can fear be a good thing? Throughout history fear is often used to control and subvert. Can fear be used to guide and direct? Franklin D. Roosevelt famously said, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." He was speaking to the fear that surrounded the Great Depression of the 1930s. As Christians we have more freedom than fearing fear... In our fear and love of God, there is not one thing that this world can throw at us that we should be in fear of.

*"There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear." - 1 John 4:18*

*"Fear God. Do what is right. Trust in Him. Hope for grace." - Martin Luther*

I ask that you and your family prayerfully consider joining me at FCLC in the multi-purpose sanctuary in-between services for a family-friendly look into what or whom we should or should not be fearing.

In Christ,  
Brett Lindemood

*P.S. Fear not... Childcare will be provided ;)*

**LWML Spring Western Zone Event:** Saturday March 20th from 9:45-12:00 at Grace Lutheran Church, 2700 S Kimball, Caldwell, ID. The ladies at Grace will start welcoming you at 9:30. Bible Study with Pastor Matt Henry. CDC/LWML protocol will be followed, which means masks will be required and social distancing. If you carpool together you will be able to sit together but there will still be some distancing requested. Morning snacks will be offered, but no lunch will be served at this event due to COVID. Ingathering is to benefit the Veterans Memorial Hall in Caldwell. Men's undergarments (no socks) are being gathered. (sizes 32-40).

**Zoom Meeting Info:**

Meeting ID: 861 6400 5866

Password: LMWL

**Greeter List:** Donnette House is starting up the Greeter List again. If you are interested in being a Greeter, please contact her at: (208) 297-0775 or donnette15@gmail.com. Let her know your preference of early or late service, as well as months available/not available.

**Coffee Volunteers Needed:** We would like to start coffee service back up again on Sunday mornings, but we need volunteers! If you would be interested in helping to get this popular fellowship ministry up and running, please contact us at: office@friendshipcelebration.org.

**Attention Life Group Leaders and Ministry Leaders!** We have a paid Zoom license available that can be shared among different ministry teams and groups. No time limits. Zoom for as long as you need. We want our groups to stay connected. For more details, contact Pastor Matt. Thank you for building relationships and encouraging one another!

**Sharing of the Pics Continues!** Send in your fun photos, family photos, or anything that shares what you have been up to. Pictures should be landscape orientation, high resolution, and .jpg format. Email to: [office@friendshipcelebration.org](mailto:office@friendshipcelebration.org) by 9am Friday mornings to be included in the following Sunday's video.

**Prayer Chain-Prayer Requests:** Contact Jenny Kandler at: [bob54109@msn.com](mailto:bob54109@msn.com) to request prayer chain or updates. In the event that Jenny Kandler cannot be reached, call, Donnette House@ 208-297-0775 or [donnette15@gmail.com](mailto:donnette15@gmail.com).

**Stay Connected!** FCLC's Friendly 411 is a weekly e-newsletter that comes out on Thursdays directly to your email inbox. If you are interested in signing up to receive the Friendly 411, email the church office at [office@friendshipcelebration.org](mailto:office@friendshipcelebration.org) and mark the subject "Subscribe 411". You may also request a PDF copy of our monthly Friendly Findings newsletter. Just include "Subscribe FF" to the subject line in your email. Our newsletter is also available online at our church website: [www.friendshipcelebration.org](http://www.friendshipcelebration.org).



## **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 4:11-12; 1 Peter 4:10)
5. **Life, Nurture, Support and Other 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