



THEN A CLOUD APPEARED AND  
COVERED THEM, AND A VOICE  
CAME FROM THE CLOUD:

“This is my Son,  
whom I love.  
Listen to him!”

MARK 9:7

**“Here’s Looking at You”**

February 14, 2021

# Friendship Celebration

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**Elders Serving: 8:15am Ralph Cavalieri ~ 11:00am Jamison Wing**

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## Preservice Song: "God So Loved"

Come all you weary  
Come all you thirsty  
Come to the well that never runs dry  
Drink of the water  
Come and thirst no more

Come all you sinners  
Come find His mercy  
Come to the table He will satisfy  
Taste of His goodness  
Find what you're looking for

For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Bring all your failures  
Bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting there  
With open arms

For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever  
The power of hell forever defeated  
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom  
For God so loved God so loved the world

Praise God praise God  
From whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him praise Him  
For the wonders of His love

Praise God praise God  
From whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him praise Him  
For the wonders of His love  
His amazing love

For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save

For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save

Whoever believes in Him  
Will live forever  
The power of hell  
Forever defeated  
Now it is well

I'm walking in freedom  
For God so love  
God so love the world

Bring all your failures  
Bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting  
God so loved the world

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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: The Lord is Sovereign; let the people tremble in awe.

**Congregation: God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.**

Leader: The Lord is great in Zion and is high above all peoples.

**Congregation: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God,  
and worship God upon the holy mountain.**

## Opening Song Set: *“Glorious Day”*

I was buried beneath my shame  
Who could carry that kind of weight  
It was my tomb 'til I met You

I was breathing but not alive  
All my failures I tried to hide  
It was my tomb 'til I met You

You called my name  
I ran out of that grave  
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day  
You called my name I ran out of that grave  
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

Now Your mercy has saved my soul  
Now Your freedom is all that I know  
The old made new Jesus when I met You

You called my name  
I ran out of that grave  
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day  
You called my name I ran out of that grave  
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

I needed rescue my sin was heavy  
But chains break at the weight of Your glory  
I needed shelter I was an orphan  
Now You call me a citizen of Heaven  
When I was broken You were my healing  
Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing  
I have a future my eyes are open

You called my name  
I ran out of that grave  
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day  
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Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

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### *“What a Beautiful Name It Is”*

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God, the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You, our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is,  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this.  
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us, so, Jesus, You brought heaven down.  
My sin was great, Your love was greater. What could separate us now?

What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is,  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this.  
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus  
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You.  
You silenced the boast, of sin and grave.  
The heavens are roarin', the praise of Your glory,  
For You are raised to life again.  
You have no rival, You have no equal. Now and forever, God You reign  
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory. Yours is the Name, above all names.

What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is,  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King.  
What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against.  
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

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## Confession of Sins

Leader: Merciful God, You made us in Your image, with a mind to know You, a heart to love You, and a will to serve You. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. When we sin, we fail to grow into Your likeness. In Your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and transformed!

**Congregation: Praise be to God!**

## Sharing of the Pics

### Old Testament

### Exodus 34:29-35 ESV

8:15am Lynn House  
11:00am Julie Salvaggio

<sup>29</sup>When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup>Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the Lord had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

<sup>34</sup>Whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, <sup>35</sup>the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

## Epistle

## 2 Corinthians 3:12-18, 4:1-6 ESV

<sup>12</sup>Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, <sup>13</sup>not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. <sup>14</sup>But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. <sup>15</sup>Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. <sup>16</sup>But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

## Holy Gospel

## Mark 9:2-9 ESV

<sup>2</sup>And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup>For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." <sup>8</sup>And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

<sup>9</sup>And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

## **Affirmation of Faith** *(Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, Article III, 56)*

**All:** For if Christ had been conceived without sin by the Holy Spirit and had been born and had fulfilled all righteousness in his human nature alone but had not been true, eternal God, this obedience and suffering of the human nature would not be reckoned to us as righteousness. In the same way, if the Son of God had not become a human being, the divine nature in itself could not have been our righteousness. Accordingly, we believe, teach, and confess that the entire obedience of the entire person of Christ, which He rendered to the Father on our behalf unto the most shameful death of the cross, is reckoned to us as righteousness. For the human nature alone, apart from the divine nature, could not satisfy the eternal, almighty God neither through its obedience nor through its suffering for the sins of the whole world. On the other hand, the deity alone, without the humanity, could not mediate between God and us.

## **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.*

## **Children's Message**

### **Sermon Song: "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"**

O soul, are you weary and troubled?  
No light in the darkness you see,  
There's light for a look at the Savior,  
And life more abundant and free.

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth  
Will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace.

Through death into life everlasting,  
He passed, and we follow Him there;  
Over us sin no more hath dominion,  
For more than conquerers we are.

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth  
Will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace.

His Word shall not fail you, He promised.  
Believe Him and all will be well.  
Then go to a world that is dying,  
His perfect salvation to tell.

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth  
Will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace.

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## **Sermon: “Here’s Looking at You”**

## **2 Corinthians 3 & 4**

The more time we spend with Jesus, the more He changes us to become like Him. This change doesn’t happen all at once—but little by little. In the benediction, we ask the Lord’s face to shine upon us and be gracious to us. And the result of knowing Jesus is that our face shines back at Him, grateful for the Spirit’s working in our lives.

### **The Big Unveiling**

Moses’ face was \_\_\_\_\_ by God’s glory

Veiled hearts remain

Degrees of glory...what’s this mean?

## **Blind Spots**

Causes of blindness

## **Looking at Jesus**

Removing blinders

The \_\_\_\_\_ God is the \_\_\_\_\_ God

Light—seen or felt?

The face of Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God

## **Life Group Questions**

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

How is God's Word "veiled" still today?

How can there be different degrees of glory? What does that mean?

What can the Spirit do that the conscience cannot?

So which is it: do we have freedom in Christ or are we servants of Christ?

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

Can you recall a time in your life when you were spiritually blind?

How can others tell if the veil over your heart is lifted?

Do you sense a degree of change in your life that Spirit has brought about?

How does God go about changing us even further?

### **Hands (now what?)**

What can you do to demonstrate joyful and obedient servitude to Christ?

How can your freedom in Christ demonstrated in your interactions with others?

If only Christ can remove the veil, what are we to do?

## **Song of Response: "Blessed Assurance"**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!

O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God,

Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long,  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission; Christ on the cross,  
For my salvation He suffered loss,  
Gave up His life and gave up His throne,  
Purchased and won me, made me His own.

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long,  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Vict'ry o'er Satan, death, and the grave,  
O what a joy to know that I'm saved!  
Claiming no merit, works of my own,  
All glory, praise be to God alone!

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long,  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

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## Prayers

Leader: Holy God, You revealed to the disciples the everlasting glory of Jesus Christ. Grant us, who have not seen and yet believe, the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that we may boldly live the gospel and shine with Your transforming glory as people changed and changing through the redeeming presence of our Savior.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## 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.

## **Sending**

Leader: O God, before the passion of Your one and only Son You revealed His glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of His countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross and be changed into His likeness from glory to glory, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

## **Benediction**

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: “Graves into Gardens”**

I searched the world  
But it couldn't fill me  
Man's empty praise  
And treasures that fade  
Are never enough

Then You came along  
And put me back together  
And every desire  
Is now satisfied  
Here in Your love

Oh, there's nothing better than You  
There's nothing better than You  
Lord, there's nothing  
Nothing is better than You

I'm not afraid  
To show You my weakness  
My failures and flaws  
Lord, You've seen 'em all  
And You still call me friend

'Cause the God of the mountain  
Is the God of the valley  
There's not a place  
Your mercy and grace  
Won't find me again

Oh, there's nothing better than You  
There's nothing better than You  
Lord, there's nothing  
Nothing is better than You

Oh, there's nothing better than You  
There's nothing better than You  
Lord, there's nothing  
Nothing is better than You

You turn mourning to dancing  
You give beauty for ashes  
You turn shame into glory  
You're the only one who can

You turn mourning to dancing  
You give beauty for ashes  
You turn shame into glory  
You're the only one who can

You turn graves into gardens  
You turn bones into armies  
You turn seas into highways  
You're the only one who can  
You're the only one who can

Oh, there's nothing better than You  
There's nothing better than You  
Lord, there's nothing  
Nothing is better than You

Oh, there's nothing better than You  
There's nothing better than You  
Lord, there's nothing  
Nothing is better than You

You turn graves into gardens  
You turn bones into armies  
You turn seas into highways

You're the only one who can  
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You're the only one who can

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# Friendship Celebration Announcements ~ February 14, 2021

**Happy Valentine's Day to everyone at Friendship Celebration Lutheran Church!**

**Lent/Ash Wednesday:** Lent begins 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:** *Beginning this Tuesday February 16<sup>th</sup>! Pick up your copy today!* 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 Zehnder, a LCMS pastor. These books are now 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!**

**Are You Ready for Easter?** We aren't ready either, and that is why we need your help. We are going to have two Easter Egg Hunts this year. The Easter Egg Hunt for the community will be held on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11am (up to 6<sup>th</sup> grade) and the egg hunt for the children from our congregation will be on Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

**How you can help:** We are looking for families to donate candy (No nuts because of allergies), small toys, and empty plastic easter eggs. Donations can be dropped off in the fellowship area of the church. Thank you in advance for making this a fun event for our local community and for our church community.

*Brett Lindemood*

*Director of Christian Education*

**Registration is open for Camp Perkins' Summer Camps!** Register now for summer camps at Camp Perkins Lutheran Outdoor Ministries. Info can be found at: <https://www.campperkins.org/summer-camp.html>

**Preschool Registration for 2021-2022:** *So far the Preschool has 29 children registered for the 2021-2022 school year!* If you are interested in signing a child up for preschool, a registration form can be picked up in the office or by going to this link: <http://www.fclcpreschool.org/registration.html>

**Lutheran Hour Ministries Lenten Devotions:** You can pickup the 2021 LHM Lenten Devotions in the Fellowship Hall or you can download it online at: [www.lhm.org/lent/](http://www.lhm.org/lent/)

**Director of Music:** Friendship Celebration Lutheran Church in Meridian, Idaho is searching for a Director of Music. The position involves approximately 15 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 started last week...there is still 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.

**FEAR NOT or FEAR GOD:** Meets 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 ;)*

**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 by 9am Friday mornings to be included in the following Sunday's video.

**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 have found a potential new supplier of coffee and would like to start coffee service back up again on Sunday mornings, but we need volunteers, ***especially for early service!*** 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!

**Prayer Chain-Prayer Requests:** Contact Jenny Kandler at: 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.

**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 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.



## **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