

forgive  
US OUR TRESPASSES  
+ AS WE  
forgive  
THOSE WHO TRESPASS  
AGAINST US

“4GVN”

February 28, 2021

# Friendship Celebration

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**Elders Serving: 8:15am Neal Lindemood ~ 11:00am Jamison Wing**

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## Preservice 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

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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  
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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: Jesus says, "The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe the gospel."

**Congregation: 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.**

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

## Opening Song Set: *"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 here moving in our midst  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here working in this place  
I worship You I worship You

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

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

You are here touching ev'ry heart  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here healing ev'ry heart  
I worship You I worship You

You are here turning lives around  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here mending ev'ry heart  
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

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

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

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

You are here touching every life  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here meeting ev'ry need  
I worship You I worship You

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### *“There Is a Redeemer”*

There is a Redeemer  
Jesus God's own Son  
Precious Lamb of God  
Messiah Holy One

Jesus my Redeemer name above all names  
Precious Lamb of God Messiah  
O for sinners slain

Thank You O my Father  
For giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit  
Till the work on earth is done

When I stand in glory I will see His face  
There I'll serve my King forever  
In that holy place

Thank You O my Father  
For giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit  
Till the work on earth is done

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## Confession of Sins

Leader: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**Congregation: If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God. Holy and merciful God,

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

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

## Sharing of the Pics

### Old Testament

### Exodus 34:1-10 ESV

8:15am Karl Bokenkamp

11:00am Phyllis Garner

The Lord said to Moses, "Cut for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke. <sup>2</sup>Be ready by the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself there to me on the top of the mountain. <sup>3</sup>No one shall come up with you, and let no one be seen throughout all the mountain. Let no flocks or herds graze opposite that mountain." <sup>4</sup>So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the first. And he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. <sup>6</sup>The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, <sup>7</sup>keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and

transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.”<sup>8</sup>And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped.<sup>9</sup>And he said, “If now I have found favor in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance.”

<sup>10</sup>And he said, “Behold, I am making a covenant. Before all your people I will do marvels, such as have not been created in all the earth or in any nation. And all the people among whom you are shall see the work of the Lord, for it is an awesome thing that I will do with you.

## **Epistle**

## **Colossians 3:12-17 ESV**

<sup>12</sup>Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup>bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## **Holy Gospel**

## **Matthew 6:7-13 ESV**

<sup>7</sup>“And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. <sup>8</sup>Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. <sup>9</sup>Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. <sup>10</sup>Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup>Give us this day our daily bread, <sup>12</sup>and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. <sup>13</sup>And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

## **Fifth Petition of Lord’s Prayer with Explanation**

**Congregation: And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

Leader:           What does this mean?

**Congregation:** We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

## **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: "The Old Rugged Cross"**

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross  
The emblem of suff'ring and shame  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
And exchange it some day for a crown

O the old rugged cross so despised by the world  
Has a wondrous attraction for me  
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above  
To bear it to dark Calvary

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
And exchange it some day for a crown

In the old rugged cross stained with blood so divine  
A wondrous beauty I see  
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died

To pardon and sanctify me  
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
And exchange it some day for a crown

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear  
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away  
Where His glory forever I'll share

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
And exchange it some day for a crown

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## **Sermon: "4GVN"**

*Matthew 6*

When you search your heart is there someone you have not forgiven? With these words, "Forgive as the Lord forgave you" (Col. 3:13) the gospel becomes not only something we receive, but something we give. Jesus not only teaches His disciples how to pray, He teaches us how to forgive.

### **Three Main Questions**

How is God shown here?

What does He give you?

What does He expect of you?

### **Pleading the Fifth**

The big tiny words:

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

## License to Forgive

Adding an extra letter



## Life Group Questions

### Head (what?)

- Why are repenting and forgiving challenging for people today?
- Does one need to repent in order to believe? Explain your answer.
- What are the benefits of forgiveness in addition to forgiveness?

### Heart (so what?)

- What sin are you holding onto that God is asking you to repent of?
- How has the gospel changed your life?
- How have others seen God's forgiveness reflected in your behavior?

### Hands (now what?)

- Whom is God calling you to forgive?
- How does discipleship aide you in forgiveness?
- Comment: "Forgiveness is setting a prisoner free and realizing that prisoner was you."

## **Song of Response:**    *“Man of Sorrows”*

Man of sorrows Lamb of God  
By His own betrayed  
The sin of man and wrath of God  
Has been on Jesus laid

Silent as He stood accused  
Beaten mocked and scorned  
Bowing to the Father's will  
He took a crown of thorns

Oh that rugged cross my salvation  
Where Your love poured out over me  
Now my soul cries out hallelujah  
Praise and honour unto Thee

Sent of heaven God's own Son  
To purchase and redeem  
And reconcile the very ones  
Who nailed Him to that tree

Oh that rugged cross my salvation  
Where Your love poured out over me  
Now my soul cries out hallelujah  
Praise and honour unto Thee

Now my debt is paid  
It is paid in full  
By the precious blood  
That my Jesus spilled  
Now the curse of sin  
Has no hold on me  
Whom the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed

Oh that rugged cross my salvation  
Where Your love poured out over me  
Now my soul cries out hallelujah  
Praise and honour unto Thee

See the stone is rolled away  
Behold the empty tomb  
Hallelujah God be praised  
He's risen from the grave

Oh that rugged cross my salvation  
Where Your love poured out over me  
Now my soul cries out hallelujah  
Praise and honour unto Thee

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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

Leader: Gracious God, we pray for the faithful all over the world, that all who love You may be united in Your service. We pray for the church.  
Lord, in Your mercy,

**Congregation: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for the peoples and leaders of the nations, that they may be reconciled one to another in pursuit of Your justice and peace. We pray for the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Congregation: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for all who suffer from prejudice, greed, or violence, that the heart of humanity may warm with Your tenderness. We pray especially for all prisoners of politics or religion and for all refugees. We pray for all who are oppressed. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Congregation: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for all in need because of famine, flood, or earthquake, that they may know the hope of Your faithfulness through the help of others. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Congregation: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for the land, the sea, the sky—for Your whole creation, which longs for its redemption. We pray that we may live with respect for Your creation and use Your gifts with reverence. We pray for the creation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Congregation: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for all who suffer the pain of sickness, loneliness, fear, or loss, that those whose names are in our hearts, in the hearts of others, or known to You alone, may receive strength and courage. We pray for those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Congregation: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of compassion, into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy now and forever.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## **Sending**

Leader: As God's own, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, and patience, forgiving each other as the Lord has forgiven you, and crown all these things with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

## **Benediction**

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

**Congregation: Amen.**

## **Closing Song: "All My Hope Is in Jesus"**

I've been held by the Savior  
I've felt fire from above  
I've been down to the river  
And I ain't the same, a prodigal returned

All my hope is in Jesus  
Thank God my yesterday's gone  
All my sins are forgiven,  
I've been washed by the blood

I'm no stranger to the prison  
I've worn shackles and chains  
I've been freed and forgiven  
I'm not going back, I'll never be the same

All my hope is in Jesus  
Thank God my yesterday's gone  
All my sins are forgiven,  
I've been washed by the blood

There's a kind of thing that just breaks someone down  
breaks them down to their knees  
God, I've been broken more than a time or two  
Yes, Lord then You picked me up  
And showed me the way

All my hope is in Jesus  
Thank God my yesterday's gone  
All my sins are forgiven,  
I've been washed by the blood

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# Friendship Celebration Announcements ~ February 28, 2021

## Upcoming Lenten/Easter Services:

- **Lenten Evening Services (Red Letter Challenge)**
  - Wednesdays, worship @ 7:00 pm
- **Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> – 8:15 & 11:00 am**
- **Maundy Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – 7:00 pm (Holy Communion)**
- **Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7:00 pm**
- **Community Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 11:00 am (up to 6<sup>th</sup> grade)**
- **Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**
  - Sunrise Service 7:00 am—outside!
  - Worship Services (Holy Communion) 8:15 & 11:00 am
  - Children's Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am

**Today is Day 13 of the Red Letter Challenge.** We are focusing on **forgiving** this week.

**Red Letter Challenge:** *It's not too late to 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. Books may be picked up in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays, or in the Church Office during office hours (Mondays 8:30am-2pm, Tuesday -Thursday 8:30am-2:30pm)

**Seeking Room to Rent:** Nicole Morgan is looking to rent a room at the end of March and can pay \$450 in rent plus utilities. If you have a lead on a rental or have space for rent in the Boise/Meridian area, please contact Nicole at: [morgan-316@hotmail.com](mailto:morgan-316@hotmail.com). Thank you!

**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, DCE

**Fellowship Time Coordinator:** FCLC is seeking a Fellowship Time Coordinator for Sundays. This person would be responsible for coordinating the coffee/snack schedule for fellowship times each Sunday. If you are interested, please contact us at: [office@friendshipcelebration.org](mailto:office@friendshipcelebration.org).

**Sr. High Trip to Camp Perkins:** Just a reminder, the Senior High Youth trip to Camp Perkins is coming up soon! March 12th-14th. Registration forms are in the fellowship hall. There is still time to register if your senior high youth is interested in this FCLC youth event. For more info contact Brett at: [blindemood@friendshipcelebration.org](mailto:blindemood@friendshipcelebration.org)

**Registration for 2021-2022:** *So far the Preschool has 41 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>

**Greeter List:** If you are a steady or weekly attendee of either service, would you be willing to stand at the sanctuary door and greet folks? You don't have to shake hands or hug. Just acknowledge people and welcome them. If interested, please contact Donnette at: (208) 297-0775 or [donnette15@gmail.com](mailto:donnette15@gmail.com) and let her know your preference of early or late service, as well as months available/not available.

**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](mailto:aaronhubler5@gmail.com).

**Corinthians Sunday Bible Study:** 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 handouts 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](mailto: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?

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. Children have the option of staying with their family or attending their own Sunday school class upstairs that will be focused on what the church is doing with the Red Letter Challenge.

*In Christ,  
Brett Lindemood*

**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.

**LCMS Virtual Life Conference:** Save the Date – March 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. For more information or to register: <https://calendar.lcms.org/event/2021-virtual-life-conference/>

**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

**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