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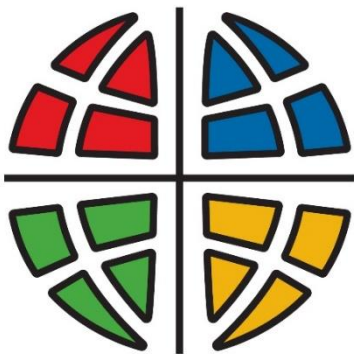
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12:30 pm - 5 pm, Mon - Thu

Pastor:
Rachel Reeder

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Each Member



ELCA

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



September 1, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Добро пожаловать! Witam Cię Bem-vinda أهلاً وسهلاً
 ברוך-הבא Bienvenue Tere tulemast خوش آمدید བུ་སྐྱེ་བའི་སྐྱོ་སྤྲོ་བོ་ Bienvenido
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 Soo dhowow قارشى نالمنز Ласкаво просимо 환영합니다

At First Evangelical Lutheran all are welcome here – disciples and doubters, sinners and saints, wanderers and wonderers, young and young at heart, insiders and outsiders – all of God’s children are welcome in this community as we **worship** together, **learn** together, **serve** together, **pray** together and **play** together seeking to follow Jesus in our daily lives. We are blessed by your presence here today!

You belong, here!

*Please fill out the “Welcome to Worship” slip
in the pew rack and pass to the side aisles*

Guidance for using this bulletin and the hymnal:

- ✘ All are invited to speak those responses printed in **bold**.
- ✘ ELW refers to material from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal in the pew rack in front of you.
- ✘ Numbers preceded by “ELW” refer to the hymns and songs found in the middle and back portions of the hymnal
- ✘ Numbers preceded by the word “pg” refer to material found in the front portion of the hymnal.
- ✘ “OT pg.” or “NT” pg. are in the old and new testament of the pew Bible.

We live stream our worship services on YouTube

Hearing Assist devices available from the sound booth.

You can also connect hearing aides through our T coil / Loop system

PRELUDE "Prelude, Arioso, & Intermezzo" -R. J. Powell
(from Five Voluntaries for Organ)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Please rise as you are able

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 879

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

GREETINGS

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, have mercy on us.

We confess that we have become alienated from Earth and viewed this planet as disposable, a source of endless resources,

a mere stopping place en route to heaven. We have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all love and glory, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your creation; increase in all true unity; nourish the world with all goodness; and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ the wisdom of creation, who lives and reigns with you and the holy spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 OT pg. 125

A reading from Deuteronomy. ¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to

what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. ⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? ⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING James 1:17-27

NT pg. 179

A reading from James. ¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. ²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who

look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. ²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*
 Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL READING Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 NT pg. 32

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of

his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ ⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” ¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” ²¹“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Rachel Reeder

Please rise as you are able

“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

.....Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Receive them into your holy keeping.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY

"Leggiero"

- L. Smith

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and
all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

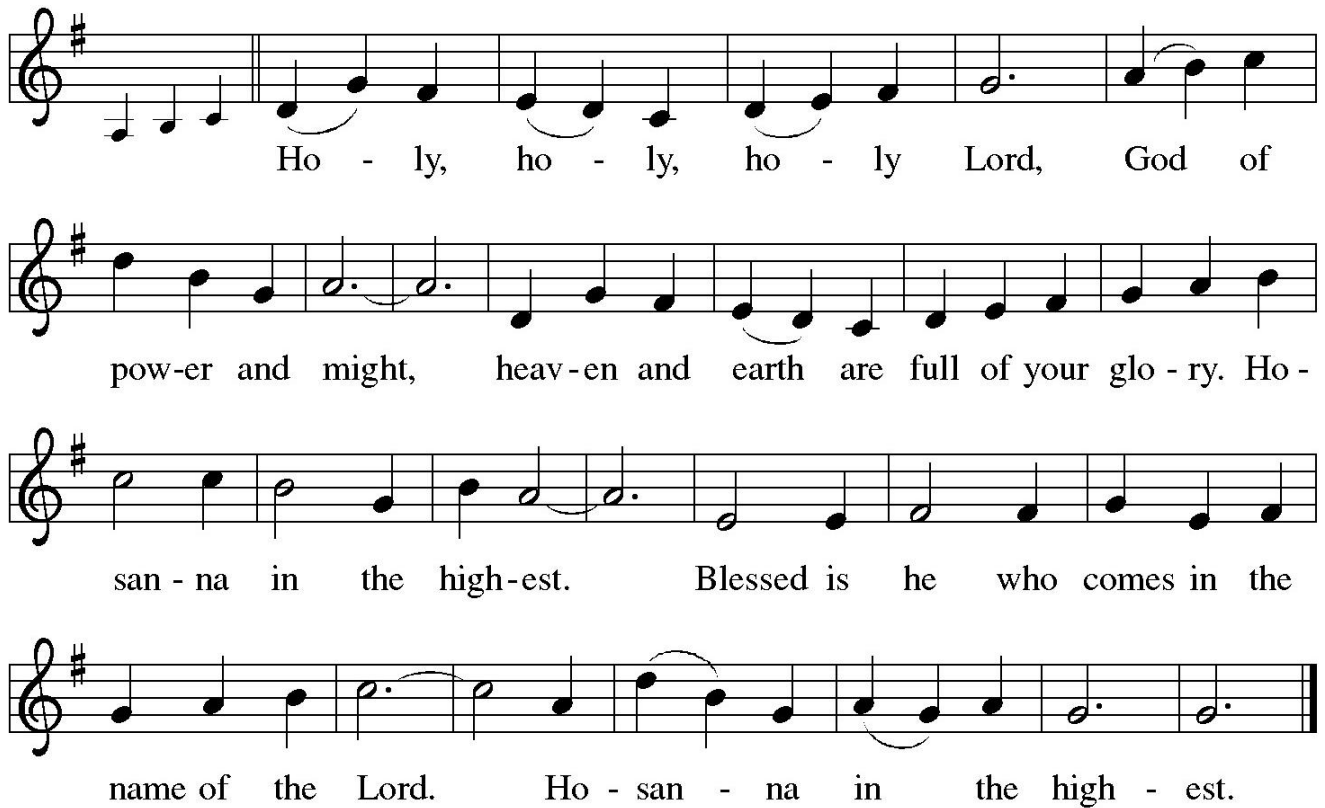
The Lord be with you. **And also with you**
Lift up your heart. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times
and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful
God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame
death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us
the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with
the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name
and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. **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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Come, taste and see, that the lord is good (Psalm 34:8). All are welcome. Please follow the directions of the ushers to come forward. You will be given the bread and your choice of either red wine or white grape juice. You may dispose of your cup in the wastebasket at the side aisle.

COMMUNION HYMN

ELW 801

“Change My Heart, O God”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever. Amen.

Please rise as you are able

SENDING HYMN

ELW 840

“Now Thank We All Our God”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Scherzo”

- R. J. Powell

(From Five Voluntaries For Organ)

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Communion Assistant (2)	_____	
Sound/IT	Tom Olsen	Tom Olsen
Sound/IT Assistant	Jack Caballero	Jack Caballero
Altar Guild	Claudia & Mitch	Claudia & Mitch
Security	Abraham Dree	Abraham Dree

Life in Christ

- **Adult Forum** - Sunday after service @ 10:30 am
- **Online Worship** - every Sunday through our website at www.firstlutheranredlands.org.
- **Flower Chart for 2024** is in the Narthex. Please sign up to purchase flowers for our back altar. The cost is \$50. Please call or email your dedication to office@firstlutheranredlands.org by the Tuesday prior to your dedication. Available Dates: Sep 1, 8, 22, 29.
- **Bible Study** - Thursday Mornings weekly at 11:00 am. Join us via zoom for a discussion on the upcoming Gospel lesson. Zoom Meeting ID: 895 4566 3534 Code: 313299.
- **COMIC Quilters** - Wednesday morning meetings at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room.
- **Redland Family Services** – no donations requested at this time.

For new bulletin and/or e-news announcement(s), please send requests to the office by **Tuesday** prior to your desired publishing date(s).

This Week at First

Wednesday 08/28	10:00 AM	COMIC Quilters - Fireside Room
	03:00 PM	YOUTH HOPE
Thursday 08/29	11:00 AM	Bible Study
Saturdays 08/31	10:00 AM	SDA Worship - Sanctuary/PH
	6:00 PM	AA Care and Share – PH
Sunday 09/01	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary
	10:30 AM	Adult Forum - Chapel
	1:00 PM	BATAK Church – Sanctuary

Upcoming Dates

CELEBRATING THE SEASON OF CREATION

- September 1 – World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
- September 8 – Planet Earth Sunday
- September 15 – Humanity Sunday
- September 22 – Sky Sunday/Fall Potluck Dinner after worship
- September 29 – Mountain Sunday
- October 06 – Blessing of the Animals

Tuesday 10/8/24 6:30pm Book Club “Love Without Limits”

Friday 11/08/24 5:00-9:00 Lutheran Social Services Gala 2024

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL -- The Chancel Choir will begin rehearsing at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5, in the sanctuary. Current choir members and those interested in joining the choir are welcomed to attend the first rehearsal.

CELEBRATING THE SEASON OF CREATION IN SEPTEMBER

The Season of Creation is an annual ecumenical celebration. It is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation we join our siblings in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.

Theme for 2024 Romans 8:19-25 – To Hope and Act with Creation

September 1, World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

September 8, Planet Earth Sunday - We worship this Sunday with planet Earth. We join the Psalmists and rejoice with Earth. We sing with Earth, our planet home spinning through space. We celebrate Earth as a sacred place, a sanctuary filled with God's presence.

September 15, Humanity Sunday - We worship this Sunday with all humanity, peoples of all ethnic origins. We celebrate the kinship between humanity and the rest of creation. We rejoice that humans who bear the image of God now understand their role as servants who follow Christ, the true image of God.

September 22, Sky Sunday - We worship this Sunday with the skies. We celebrate with the clouds, the winds, the dusk and the dawn. We listen to the sounds of sky proclaiming God's presence. We stand in awe before the vast reaches of space above us and thank God for the fragile piece of stardust we call Earth.

September 29, Mountain Sunday - We worship this Sunday with the mountains. We sing with the rocks and hills. We enjoy the wonders of the wild. We connect with the mystery of the mountains through majestic rocks that surround our community. We celebrate in the mountain of God.

OCTOBER 6 – Blessing Of The Animals. The Season of Creation will culminate on this Sunday. Bring an animal or a picture of an animal to be blessed. Join us for outdoor worship!

We worship this Sunday with all the creatures we love. We join the Psalmists and rejoice with all living things. We sing with the all the birds and animals that make our lives richer because of their presence

Youth Hope Sunday - Brrr!? In the heat of August, it is time to start thinking about cool, wet weather.... at least for Youth Hope. Our July Action Teams and Pastor Rachel have set the goal of **BUYING 50 PLASTIC PONCHOS FOR YOUTH HOPE** to give to unhoused youth.

Just imagine not having a place to call your home as a teenager and not having rain protection. Youth Hope comes to the rescue regularly to supplies ponchos for these youth. We can make a very real difference at First Lutheran. If we can raise \$500, we can get the 50 ponchos. I am looking at getting discounted prices at some stores as well. Please write an additional check for the offering and put in the memo: “Ponchos for Youth Hope.” If we raise more, we can buy winter coats or hoodies. We will bless the ponchos on **September 8th** during the service. Anyone who would like to present the ponchos to youth Hope the following week, let me know. Contact Mark Wolkenhauer at (909) 633 - 8664 with any questions.

Pacifica Women’s Synodical Convention - October 18-19 -
Will take place at Spirit of Our Savior-5050 Sierra Way, San Bernardino, CA. Theme is “Nothing is more beautiful than a

woman who is brave, strong, and emboldened because of who Christ is in her,” from Proverbs 31:10. More information will be in the E-Newsletter.

PRAYER VENTURES

September

1 “It is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, debauchery, envy, slander, pride, folly” (Mark 7:21-22). Recognizing that evil intentions and actions come from the human heart, confess your weakness to God, who is rich in mercy and loves us even in our imperfection.

2 Labor Day - Recognize and pray for the work people do to sustain their families and benefit their communities and society. Pray that all will receive fair wages, work in safe environments, be renewed through times of sabbath, and experience joy and fulfillment in their labor. Pray for those who seek employment and for the care, support and well-being of people unable to work.

3 National Suicide Prevention Month - Pray for those who feel lonely, depressed and hopeless, that they will find compassion and spiritual renewal in times of darkness and suffering. Ask the Spirit how we might best respond to our neighbors and siblings in Christ who are struggling.

4 Ask the Spirit to help us be doers and hearers of the word of God, looking beyond our own needs and attending to the needs of our suffering neighbors.

5 Give thanks for the thousands of young people who attended the ELCA Youth Gathering in July and raised nearly \$100,000 for Generation Zero-Hunger, supporting ELCA World Hunger in its work to end hunger and poverty and to transform lives, families and communities around the world.

6 Pray for communities and congregations vulnerable to the hurricanes, that they will be prepared, resilient and ready to serve their neighbors impacted by severe weather. Give thanks for the many ways — immediate and long term — that Lutheran Disaster Response gathers resources to relieve suffering, support recovery and healing, and stir hope.

7 Pray for ELCA campus ministries across the country as they engage students, faculty, staff and others to experience God's abundant grace through worship, study, fellowship, service and pastoral care.

"Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs"

Healing and strength: Chris, Alice, Molly & Phil, Erin, requested by Larry & Kathy Davenport;

Scott; (husband to niece of Jim & Janet Fink) prayers for healing;

Nancy Priesz (Sister in Law to Larry Anderson) prayers for strength;

Youth of our church as they start school;

Pastor Ray Wade, Richard & J'nene, requested from Jeanne Fortier;

Allan, requested by Greisemers;

BB, lift her up in health, strength and healing;

Jeanne, please lift her up in prayer, requested by Joe Koenig;
Sandy, requested by Jeanne Fortier;
Jim, Daniel and Andrew, requested by Sue Lehner;
Sean, cancer diagnosis, requested by Karen Fredricksen;
Bill, Nancy, Tammy and Nikki requested by Marilyn and Theron
Pace;
Kathy for healing from eye surgery;
Family of Gloria Cipres Gonzalez upon her death;
Bill and Claudia Havard as they travel;
Linda Marie, Matthew Ramos and Javier Hernandez;
Nancy Priesz, sister-in-law of Larry Anderson;
Continuing prayers for: Bill, Nancy, and Tammy family of
Paces; Mac & Donna Barnes; Walter, brother of Ginger Close

Our homebound: Betty Frannea; Carlton Peterson; Kay and John
McMunn;

** Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, Elizabeth Eaton and
Bishop of the Pacifica Synod, Dave Nagler.

** The people of Israel and Palestine.

** Peace.

"Into your hand we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

The prayer list is refreshed each week using the "Welcome to
Worship" slips. If you have a prayer request, please include it on
those slips or contact the Pastor or church office.