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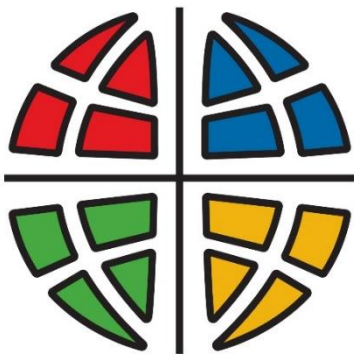
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12:30 pm ~ 5 pm, Mon - Thu

Pastor:
Rachel Reeder

Ministers:
Each Member



ELCA

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



September 15, 2024
9:00 a.m.

Добро пожаловать! Witam Cię Bem-vinda أهلاً وسهلاً
 ברוך-הבא Bienvenue Tere tulemast خوش آمدید བུ་ཕྱི་ལོ་ལ་ཕུགས་ལཱ་ལོ་ལོ་ Bienvenido
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 Soo dhowow فارشی 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Please rise as you are able

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 556

“Morning Has Broken”

GREETINGS

In the name of God, who creates all peoples,
the name of Jesus Christ, who gives new life to all peoples,
and the name of the Spirit, the same breath in all peoples. Amen.

All peoples of our planet!

Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!

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

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated

FIRST READING Genesis 2:7-8, 15, 19 OT pg. 1

A reading from Genesis. ⁷Then the Lord God formed a human being from the dust of the ground and breathed into the nostrils the breath of life. ⁸And the human being became a living creature. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the East. ¹⁵Then the Lord God took the human being and put the human being in the garden of Eden to serve and preserve it. ¹⁹Then out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal in the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the human being.

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

SECOND READING Philippians 2:4-8 NT pg. 152

A Reading from Philippians. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in

appearance as a human, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

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

CHOIR ANTHEM “The Wonder of It All” - George Beberly Shea.
Arr. by Doug Holck

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 10:42-45 NT pg. 36

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

⁴²So Jesus called the disciples and said to them, ‘You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not to be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and give his life a ransom for many.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 712

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

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

OFFERING PRAYER

God, our Creator, through your love you have given us these gifts to share. Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep thanks and our concern for those in need, including our fellow creatures on planet Earth. **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 right to give you thanks, loving Creator. Your Word is the impulse for all things to be, for space, stars and stardust to appear, for Earth to emerge from the deep, for life to be born of Earth and for humans to be born of Earth and the Spirit. You chose to be born a human being, to become a part of Earth, to suffer, die and rise from death to redeem humankind, renew creation, and affirm all born of Earth and the Spirit. Your presence is the living impulse in all things, the Christ deep among us, filling Earth—land, sea and air; filling every element and place; filling the grain and the grape we share with you this day. Therefore with angels and archangel ancient voices in the forest, high voices from the sky, deep voices from the sea and the whole company of creation, we proclaim your presence among us.

Holy, holy, holy, God of all life, Earth and sea and sky are full of your presence and glorify your name. Amen

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

WOV 748

“Bind Us Together”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

May the Spirit of God, who is above all and in all and through all, fill you with the knowledge of God's presence in Earth and the pulsing of Christ **✝** within you. **Amen.**

Please rise as you are able

“Let All Things Now Living”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace! Serving Christ and loving Earth!
We go in peace, serving Christ and loving Earth.

POSTLUDE



**Altar Flowers This Week
Thanking God For Blessings
For Roger Swenson On His Birthday**



Rachel Reeder, Pastor
Kimberly Amin, Organist
Ernesto Herrera, Music/Choir Director
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Stewardship

Sept 15

Sept 22

Usher (1)	Mike Murphy	Dave Garcia
Usher (2)	Jim Lehner	Theron Pace
Reader / Comm. Asst. (1)	Theron Pace	Bob Close
Communion Assistant (2)		
Sound/IT	Tom Olsen	Tom Olsen
Sound/IT Assistant	Jack Caballero	Jack Caballero
Altar Guild	Marilyn & Diane	Marilyn & Diane
Security	Abreham Dree	Abreham 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 22, 29, Oct 13.
- **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

Sunday	9/15	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary
		10:30 AM	Youth Forum – Youth Room
		10:30 AM	Adult Forum – Chapel
		1:00 PM	BATAACK Church - Sanctuary
Monday	9/16	6:30 PM	Action Team– Parish Hall
Wednesday	9/18	10:00 AM	COMIC Quilters – Fireside Room
Thursday	9/19	11:00 AM	Bible Study
		7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	9/21	10:00 AM	SDA Worship – Sanctuary/Parish Hall
		6:00 PM	AA Care and Share – Parish Hall
		10:30 AM	Adult Forum - Chapel

Sunday	9/22	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary
		11:30 AM	Fall Potluck Dinner – Parish Hall
		1:00 PM	BATAK Church - Sanctuary

Upcoming Dates

CELEBRATING THE SEASON OF CREATION

- September 15 – Humanity Sunday
- September 22 – Sky Sunday/
Fall Potluck Dinner after worship
- September 29 – Mountain Sunday
- October 06 – Blessing of the Animals

Sunday 09/22/24 10:30 am Fall Potluck – Parish Hall

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

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL -- The Chancel Choir rehearses at 7 p.m. every Thursday, in the sanctuary. Current choir members and those interested in joining the choir are encouraged to attend rehearsals.

The Altar Guild is looking for new members to join a great group of women AND men who prepare for Sunday services and special holidays. Each team serves 1-2 Sundays every 4-6 weeks. And yes, you can miss a scheduled Sunday as we all help each other as needed. If you have any questions, call Mitch at 909-798-3320 for more information.

The Fall Potluck Dinner will be on **Sunday, September 22nd** following the Worship Service and Adult Forum. A sign-up sheet will be available on the Board outside in front of the church. We need signups for main dishes, side dishes and desserts.

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 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

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

15 *First Day of Hispanic Heritage Month* Give thanks to God for the gifts, contributions and rich cultural diversity of our Latiné neighbors and siblings in Christ. Pray for the growth and vitality of the ELCA’s 147 Latiné ministries as they share the gospel, support rostered and lay leaders, promote inclusivity and diversity, and serve their neighbors. Pray for the Spirit to guide and further the work of the ELCA Latino Ministries Association.

16 “[Jesus] asked [the disciples], ‘But who do you say that I am?’” (Mark 8:29). Pray for the Spirit to help us express our faith in Jesus Christ as Son of the living God — our savior, liberator, teacher, healer and true hope for the world.

17 Give thanks for the Christian Education Network of the ELCA, which connects professionals and volunteers and encourages their mutual care and support as they serve in vocations of lifelong faith formation in congregations and other ministries.

18 “[The Lord has] delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling” (Psalm 116:8). Give thanks and praise to God for hearing our pleas, responding, and accompanying us through every difficulty.

19 Pray that we might honor our Creator by treating people with love and mercy, giving thanks for what we have, practicing generosity, managing

natural resources responsibly and telling others of God's amazing power and grace.

20 Recognizing that we each have strengths and shortcomings, pray that we will attend to one another's needs, mindful of God's forgiveness and grace that surround us and of our renewal in the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.

21 Thank God for the ELCA's special relationship with the United Church of Christ, a full communion partner since 1997. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, that together we will find strength, resources and encouragement for the work of sharing the gospel, serving our neighbor and growing the church.

Remember in prayer...

"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;
Pastor Ray Wade, Richard & J'nene, requested from Jeanne Fortier;
Allan, requested by the Griesemers family;
BB, lift her up in health, strength and healing;
Jeanne, please lift her up in prayer, requested by Joe Koenig;
Sandy and Sharon, requested by Jeanne Fortier;
Jim, Daniel and Andrew, requested by Sue Lehner;
Granddaughter Katie and 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;

Linda Marie, Matthew Ramos and Javier Hernandez, Emery, May;
Gerri and Gilbert Logg, for cancer diagnosis requested by Mando
Quinones;

Rhonda, who passed away. Please keep husband, Rocky and their son in
your prayers, requested by BB Quinones;

Jerri, for recent diagnosis of cancer, requested by Alison and Bob Schooley;
Jack Hough, requested by Dave and Julie Garcia;

Woody and Suzan Hall, requested by Bob and Ginger Close;

Mike and Valerie, evacuated from home due to the fires, Karen Fredricksen
Debbie Belmuder, requested by Maria and Craig Baker and Logan;

Bill Lockridge, praying that cancer has not returned, requested by Kim
Hudson;

Those affected by the Line Fire, Highland and Mountain, Arrow, Bear and
Running Springs residents, requested by DeeAnn M. Grip, The Murphys,
Mitch Heitritter;

All the firefighters, requested by Maria and Craig Baker and Logan, Bob and
Ginger Close, and the Murphys;

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 updated 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.