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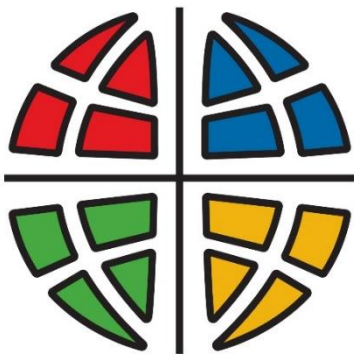
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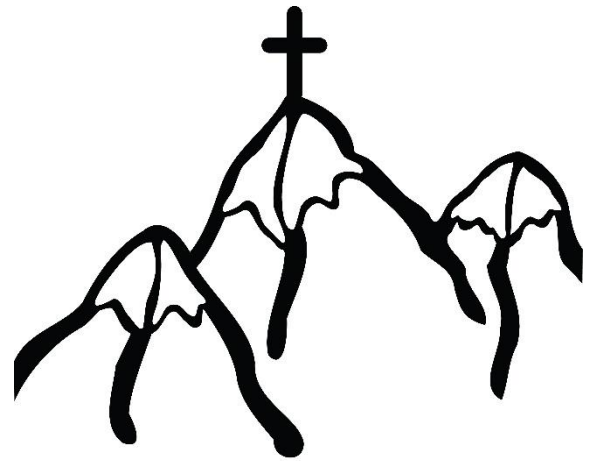
Pastor:
Rachel Reeder

Ministers:
Each Member



ELCA

Nineteenth
Sunday after
Pentecost



September 29, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Добро пожаловать! Witam Cię Bem-vinda أهلاً وسهلاً
 ברוך-הבא Bienvenue Tere tulemast خوش آمدید Bienvenido
 सवागत हैं **Welcome** ยินดีต้อนรับ Karibu
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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 “As the Deer” with “Fairest Lord Jesus” - arr. M. Hayes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Please rise as you are able

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 821

“Shout to the Lord”

GREETINGS

In the name of the Creator, who creates mountains,
the name of Christ, crucified on a mountain,
and the name of the Spirit, deep in the mountains. Amen.

Holy! Holy! Holy!

Earth is filled with God’s presence.

Christ, we come into your sanctuary today,
We enter they mountain of God.

Holy! Holy! Holy!

The mountain is filled with your presence.

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, our Creator, as we descend from the mountains, we celebrate the wonders of the wild that surround us. Help us to see in the surrounding landscape the places where the planet has been polluted and to empathize with the groaning of creation beneath us. Teach us to recognize that the hills are alive with your Spirit and to rejoice with all our kin, especially the creatures of the wild. In the name of Christ who reconciles and renews all things in creation. Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

OT pg. 539

A reading from Isaiah. ¹⁷For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their

hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD — and their descendants as well. ²⁴Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent — its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

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

SECOND READING Romans 8:28-39

NT pg. 121

A Reading from Romans. ²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

CHOIR ANTHEM "Come, Thou Almighty King" - Felice de Giardini

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

Matthew 17:1-8

NT pg. 14

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

¹Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

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

Please be seated

CHANCEL CHAT

SERMON

Pastor Rachel Reeder

Please rise as you are able

HYMN OF THE DAY

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“Hear Our Praises”

-Rueben Morgan

Verse 1

May our homes be filled with
dancing
May our streets be filled with joy
May injustice bow to Jesus
As the people turn and pray
(Chorus)

Chorus

From the mountain to the valley
Hear our praises rise to You
From the heavens to the nations
Hear our singing fill the air

Verse 2

May our light shine in the darkness
As we walk before the cross
May Your glory fill the whole earth
As the water over the seas
(Chorus)

Bridge

Hallelujah hallelujah
Hallelujah hallelujah

Ending

From the mountain to the valley
Hear our praises rise to You

Reuben Morgan

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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

.....Hear us, O God,

You mercy is great.

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY

- Brahms / Ledner

"Intermezzo Andante Teneramente"

(Op. 118, No. 2) with "You Are My Hiding Place"

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

ELW 856

“How Great Thou Art”

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 blowing from the mountains, 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

SENDING HYMN

ELW 576

“We All Are One in Mission”

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

"Allegro"

- B. Marcello

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Jack Caballero

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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: Nov. 10, Dec 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.
- **Zoom 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** – Annual Fall Drive will be Saturday, Nov 9th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the donation center on Lawton Street. Collection of food items, to be placed under the altar, will begin on Sunday, October 6th and continue through Sunday, Nov 3. If you are interested in donating your time at FSA on Nov. 9, please contact Mike Murphy or sign up on the bulletin board outside the narthex on Sundays, starting Oct. 6. **Make sure any non-perishable items you donate do NOT have expired "use by" dates.**

- **The 2024 GALA -Lutheran Social Services of Southern California** will be held at the famous and historic Riverside Mission Inn on Friday, November 8, 2024, 5 - 9 p.m. in Riverside, California. This event allows us to fund and support a wide array of services in a variety of locations throughout Southern California but also is a way to thank and honor those who support our mission. It also allow us to increase the number of those we are able to serve. All proceeds from the event will go toward solving homelessness in Southern California. We look forward to seeing you at the Gala! Call Frances Hale, Director of Fundraising & Development at 714-459-3034

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	9/29	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary
		10:30 AM	Adult Forum – Chapel
		1:00 PM	BATAACK Church - Sanctuary
Wednesday	10/2	10:00 AM	COMIC Quilters – Fireside Room
Thursday	10/3	11:00 AM	Bible Study
		7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	10/5	10:00 AM	SDA Worship – Sanctuary/Parish Hall
		6:00 PM	AA Care and Share – Parish Hall

Upcoming Dates

CELEBRATING THE SEASON OF CREATION

- October 06 - Blessing of the Animals
- October 08 - Book Club - “Love Without Limits”
- October 18-19 - 2024 WELCA Convention and Gathering at Spirit of Our Savior, San Bernardino
- November 8 - Lutheran Social Services Gala, Riverside Mission Inn, Riverside

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.

Ushers and Greeters Needed -- We can always use more volunteers to spread the wealth and reduce the frequency some usher/greeters are called on to serve on Sundays and special occasions such as funerals, weddings, etc. If you are interested in helping this positive and joyful ministry, please contact Mike Murphy, at mnlmurphy@yahoo.com.

Looking For First Lutheran Activity Photos -- The Church Council decided to move forward with a redesign of the church's website to bring it up to date with content and in terms of content and make it more user friendly. Council member B.B. Quinones is coordinating the update. She is asking church members who may have photos they took at church activities during the past year to submit to her those photos for possible use on the website. The preferred format is .jpeg for these photos. Members can email her at julieta.quinones@sevitahealth.com. If you have any questions, call BB at 909-844-4430.

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

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. Our Youth Group will be assisting in this special service!

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;

Lind Cardenas, Matthew Ramos, Javier Hernandez, Emery, and May;

The family of Gilbert Logg who passed away, 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;

Mike and Valerie evacuated from home due to the fires, **Sharon and Diane**, requested by Karen Fredricksen;

Debbie Belmuder, requested by Maria and Craig Baker and Logan;

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

Nancy, requested by Allan Griesemer;

Anne Foley and cousin **Peg Sheridan**, requested by Diane Brown;

Logan, Debbie, Bonnie and Fred, requested by Maria Baker;

Rosie, David and Debbie, requested by Logan Cassells;

Richard and Della Cardenas;

Go Tee Fang;

Heidi Anderson, her family and friends;

Pete, daughter Kathy's husband, recovering from heart attack and other medical issues, requested by Jim and Janet Fink;

Chantel, recovering from surgery, and **Roger**, requested by Kathy Swenson;

Rick Varner in hospice care, requested by Diana Varner;

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.