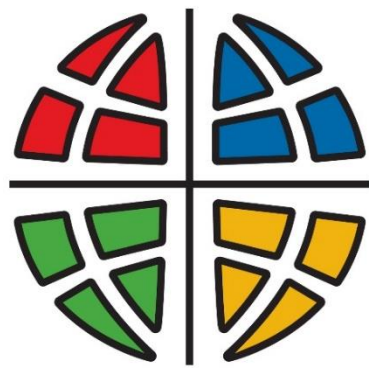


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ELCA

Pentecost

17



October 05, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Добро пожаловать! Witam Cię Bem-vinda أهلاً وسهلاً

ברוך-הבא **Bienvenue** Tere tulemast

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Tere tulõmast V lkommen Ласкаво просимо Velkommen Zoo siab txais tos!

Soo dhowow قارشی نالیمیز Ласкаво просимо 환영합니다

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:

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!

- ☐ All are invited to speak those responses printed in **bold**.
- ☐ **ELW** refers to material from the **Evangelical Lutheran Worship** hymnal located in the pew rack in front of you. It is the Red Hymnal.
- ☐ 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.
- ☐ **WOV** refers to the **With One Voice** songbook. It is the blue songbook located in the pew rack in front of you.
- ☐ “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 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" - setting, J. Raney

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please rise as you are able

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 596

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

GREETING

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 AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

Merciful God,

we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

OT pg. 676

A reading from Habakkuk. ¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. ² O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? ³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴ So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous; therefore judgment comes forth perverted. ^{2:1} I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint. ² Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. ⁴ Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 1:1-14

NT pg. 165

A reading from 2 Timothy. ¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ² To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your

tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

CHOIR ANTHEM “Hymn of the Spirit”
by Russel Nagy

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 Luke 17:5-10

NT pg. 61

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

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.” ⁷“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

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

Please be seated

SERMON

Vicar Blake Danser

Please rise as you are able

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 796

“How Firm a Foundation”

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

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

... God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion. **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

OFFERTORY "Irish"

- setting, D. Wood

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

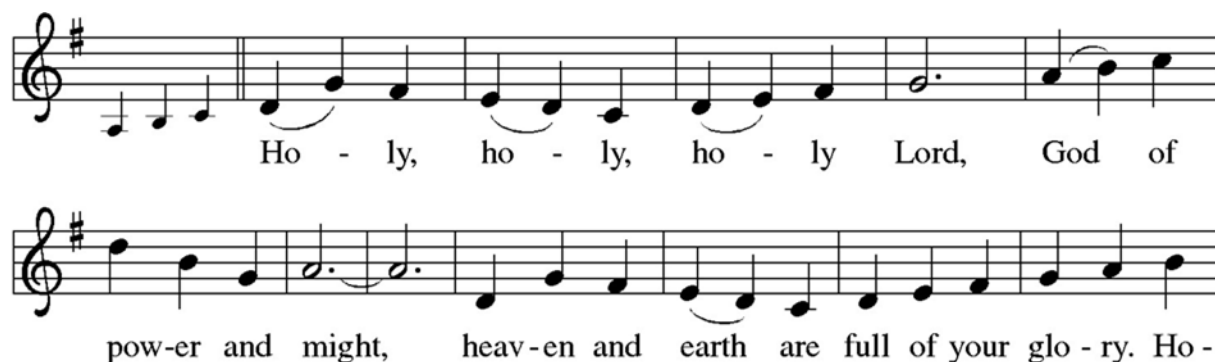
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

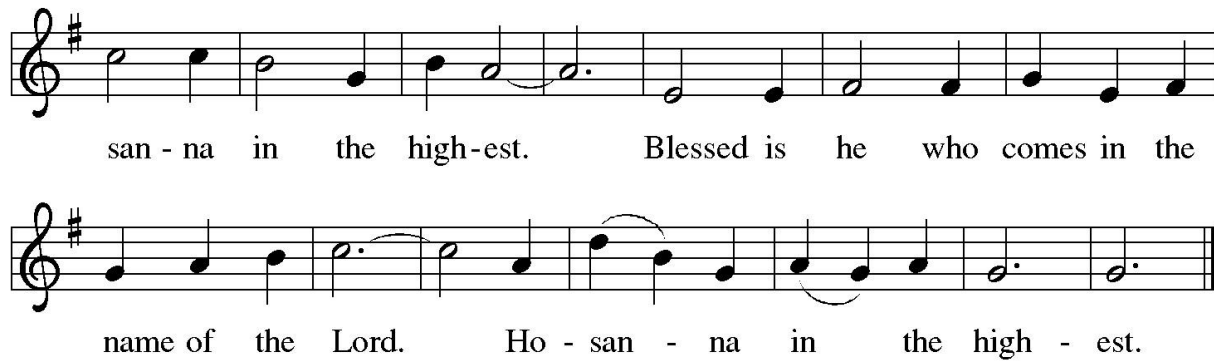
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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





THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord.....

....to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **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

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

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 stands at the side aisle.

COMMUNION HYMN “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” ELW 759

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions

with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you
now and forever. **Amen.**

Please rise as you are able

SENDING HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" ELW 705

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Gigue" Ps. 149:3

- D. E. Wagner

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Stewardship

Please Note: The Reader serves as a Communion Assistant #1. The Worship Assistants (BB/Kevin) will also serve as a Communion Assistant. We are asking for one person to sign up each Sunday to be the Communion Assistant #2 as we need four Celebrants for Communion. Thank you!

	October 05	October 12
Ushers	Allan Griesemer	Allan Griesemer
Reader/Assistant Communion #1	Theron Pace	Quinn Shea
Communion Assistant #2		Kathy Aldreggetti
Sound/IT	Tom Olsen Jack Caballero	Tom Olsen Jack Caballero

Altar Guild	Mitch Heitritter	Mitch Heitritter
Security		

This Week at First

Sunday	10/05	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary
		10:30 AM	Adult Forum
		1:00 PM	BATAK Church – Sanctuary/PH
Wednesday	10/8	10:00 AM	COMIC Quilters – Fireside
Thursday	10/9	11:00 AM	Zoom Bible Study
Saturday	10/11	10:00 AM	SDA Worship – Sanctuary/PH
		6:00 PM	Caring and Sharing AA - PH

Upcoming Dates

Oct 12	New Member installation
Nov 14-15	WELCA Convention Gathering at Clairemont Lutheran Church in San Diego (Forms available in the Narthex)
Nov 23	Camp Sunday with the Luther Glen Farm and El Camino camp representatives
Dec 2	Nativity Museum Display in Parish Hall

Life in Christ

- Our **Children's Church program** is for children aged 1-8 years old. Alison Schooley will be escorting children to the nursery just before the start of the sermon for a Bible story, snack and perhaps a quick craft or coloring sheet tied to the story. This will give caregivers an opportunity to listen to the sermon and the child an opportunity to take a break during the service. If you have any questions – please see Alison Schooley.
- **Adult Forum** - Sunday after service @ 10:30 am

- **Online Worship** – Currently experiencing technical difficulties – please stay tuned! *We have a great website. Check it out!* www.firstlutheranredlands.org
- **Flower Chart for 2025-** Would you like to supply altar flowers for a Sunday service to be taken home with you following the service? Please see ordering directions and reservation forms in the narthex. Cost is \$55 per bouquet payable to First Lutheran Church by the end of the month for the date you reserved. The available dates are: October 12, November 9, and December 7, 14, 21, and 28. Questions: Contact Mitch (909-798-3320)
- **Zoom Bible Study** –Thursday Mornings weekly at 11:00 am. Join us via zoom for a discussion on the upcoming Gospel lesson. **NEW** Zoom Meeting ID: 898 6088 6981 **NEW** Passcode: 739765
- **COMIC Quilters** - Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am in Fireside Room.
- **Would you like to receive our weekly newsletter by email?** Fill out a yellow pew slip indicating you want to receive the newsletter and provide your email address along with your name. You can give the slip to an usher.

Ministry Opportunities

- **We invite you to participate as a Reader/Communion Assistant #1 or a Communion Assistant #2 in the months of October and beyond.** Each Sunday we need three Communion Assistants. Our Worship Assistants will distribute Bread with Pastor Rachel. The Communion Assistants #1 and #2 will dispense the wine/grape juice elements. If you feel called to participate, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. We will make accommodations for those that need assistance.
- **Youth Hope Meal Delivery** First Lutheran is happy to support Youth Hope Ministries. In addition, in cooperation with Plymouth Village, we pick up meals they have prepared, and deliver them to the Youth Hope facility (on Redlands Blvd). This simple service happens about once a month. If you would like more information please contact Karen Frederickson. ***Next delivery is October 23rd and 29th.***
- **Did you know? We have several WAYS to GIVE to our CHURCH:**

- ✓ Pew Envelopes - Cash or check. Please write your personal tithing number on the front.
- ✓ Online giving through ServantKeeper.com
- ✓ Scan the QR Code below and it will take you to our website where you can find the Green Give button.



Prayer List

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:

Corey Brecker on dialysis.

Marisue battling cancer, requested by Mitch Heitritter.

The Families of **Sean Malloy, Roger Raumin and John Klava**, requested by the Johnstons.

Deborah Ramos, Robert Solvang, brother of Arlene Anderson who passed away last week, requested by BB Quinones.

Jerry Bean, recovering from hip surgery. Requested by Allen & Nancy Griesemer.

Prayer for **Kristen and Richard Thibedeau**, requested by Jeanne Fortier.

Prayers for **Jerry Bean, Baby Wineger**, requested by Marilyn and Theron Pace.

Peace and justice for Ukraine requested by Thomas Olsen.

Jeanne Koenig for recovery, **Quinn** as he has been harassed at multiple board meetings, and **Roxy** and **Sidney**, and Prayers for our **LGBTQ+ students, advocates** and **families**, those affected by the **Oak Glen mudslides**, requested by Quinn Shea and by Jessica Callender.

Jerri in her ongoing battle with cancer, requested by Alison and Bob Schooley.

For the family of **Christy Salazar** at the death of her mom and the **family of Al Nuno** at his death, requested by Karen Fredricksen.

Donna St. George and **Jan Jacobson**, requested by Valerie Williamson.

Larry Anderson, requested by Bob and Ginger Close.

Margaret Stallinge, requested by Kim Hudson.

Chris and Pam, Kathy's friends and **Jessica**, Kathy's Sister, requested by Roger and Kathy Swenson.

Children of Palestine and the people of Gaza.

Lay Ministry Visitations Bob Bray who is homebound and would like prayers as he goes through a medical issue.

Continuing prayers for: Bill, Nancy, Tammy, Katheryn, Nicole requested by Theron and Marilyn Paces; Nancy Sturlaugson, Mac & Donna Barnes; Walter, brother of Ginger Close; Jeanne Koenig, Jim and Sue Lehner.

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

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**** Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, Elizabeth Eaton
Bishop of the ELCA-Elect, Yehiel Curry and
Bishop of the Pacifica Synod, Dave Nagler.**

**** The people of Israel and Palestine.**

**** Let us pray for Peace and Justice in Ukraine.**

**** Peace.**

Public Policy and Witness Weekly Prayers

(<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/>)

For God's Peace in the Wake of Violence and Fear

God of peace, who breaks down the dividing walls of hostility, we bring before you the pain and grief brought by escalating tensions on immigration. Lord, we pray for peace and understanding to prevail. Heal the wounds of those who are hurting, and hold close the souls of those lost in the wake of violence and fear. Be near to families separated by tragedy and uncertainty, offering your comfort and protection. Soothe angry hearts and silence words that inflame hatred or division. May your Holy Spirit guide us toward justice, reconciliation, and the dignity of every person—so that our communities might reflect your love for the captive and the vulnerable. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, who is our peace and has reconciled us to you in one body through the cross. Amen.

For the Lives Affected by Political Decisions

Almighty God, who hears the cry of the poor, we see how public words become weapons, how plans to cut and cancel ripple into real lives. We remember those who never make the headlines—families dependent on public health, preventive care, and chronic-disease programs that face the threat of cuts; people struggling as health care coverage hangs in the debate; those

struggling to feed their family and whose documented needs are among data that is being erased from public view. Forgive us when we lose sight of faces behind political debate. Grant us compassion and courage to speak for those without a voice. Shape leaders' hearts, that they do not wield power cheaply. Hold fast your people in uncertainty; and in your mercy, redeem what is being lost. We ask this through Jesus, who fed the hungry and gave rest to the weary, the living sign of your compassion. Amen.

***"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, or an update please include it on those slips or contact the Pastor at/or the church office.

Please PRINT CLEARLY.

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