



“When God Chooses”

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Elders Serving: 9:00am Ralph Cavalieri~ 11:00am John Wiemer

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Preservice Song: “Everything” (Soloist: Kevin Krafft)

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation & Opening Prayer

Leader: All who thirst, come to the water and drink deeply of these living streams.

Congregation: Come, all who are weary; come, all who yearn for forgiveness.

Leader: Our gracious God beckons and blesses us.

Congregation: Let us give praise for new life in Christ.

Opening Song Set: “Like a River Glorious”

Like a river glorious
Is God’s perfect peace,
Over all victorious
In its bright increase;
Perfect, yet it floweth
Fuller ev’ry day,
Perfect, yet it growth
Deeper all the way.
Stayed upon Jehovah,
Hearts are fully blest,

Finding as He promised,
Perfect peace and rest.

Hidden in the hollow
Of His blessed hand,
Never foe can follow,
Never traitor stand;
Not a surge of worry,
Not a shade of care,
Not a blast of hurry
Touch the Spirit there.

Stayed upon Jehovah,
Hearts are fully blest,
Finding as He promised,
Perfect peace and rest.

Ev'ry joy or trial
Falleth from above,
Traced upon our dial
By the sun of love;
We may trust Him fully
All for us to do,
They who trust Him wholly
Find Him wholly true.

Stayed upon Jehovah,
Hearts are fully blest,
Finding as He promised,
Perfect peace and rest.

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“Who You Say I Am”

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me?
I was lost but He brought me in.
Oh His love for me!
Oh His love for me!

Who the Son sets free,
Oh is free indeed.

I'm a child of God.
Yes I am.

Free at last He has ransomed me.
His grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me.
Yes He died for me,

Who the Son sets free,
Oh is free indeed.
I'm a child of God.
Yes I am.

In my Father's house.
There's a place for me.
I'm a child of God.
Yes I am!

I am chosen not forsaken.
I am who You say I am.
You are for me not against me.
I am who You say I am.

I am chosen not forsaken.
I am who You say I am.
You are for me not against me.
I am who You say I am.
I am who You say I am.

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Oh is free indeed.
I'm a child of God.
Yes I am.

In my Father's house.
There's a place for me.
I'm a child of God.
Yes I am!

In my Father's house.
There's a place for me.
I'm a child of God.
Yes I am!

Old Testament

Isaiah 55:1-5 ESV

9:00am: Dick Reimann

11:00am: Terri Bentley

“Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;

and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Epistle

Romans 9:1-13 ESV

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

⁶But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ⁸This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ⁹For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁰And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac,

¹¹though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls—¹²she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21 ESV

¹³Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Third Article of the Apostles' Creed with Explanation

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Leader: What does this mean?

All: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Children's Message

Brett Lindemood, DCE

Sermon Song: *“Refiner’s Fire”*

Purify my heart,
Let me be as gold
And precious silver.
Purify my heart,
Let me be as gold,
Pure gold.

Refiner’s fire,
My heart’s one desire
Is to be holy
Set apart for You, Lord.
I choose to be holy,
Set apart for You, my Master,
Ready to do Your will.

Purify my heart,
Cleanse me from within
And make me holy.
Purify my heart,
Cleanse me from my sin,
Deep within.

Refiner’s fire,
My heart’s one desire
Is to be holy
Set apart for You, Lord.
I choose to be holy,
Set apart for You, my Master,
Ready to do Your will.
Ready to do Your will.
Ready to do Your will.

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Sermon: *“When God Chooses” Romans 9*

God makes choices whether we like it or not – just ask Jacob and Esau. What does God base his choices on? The answer shows the basis of our relationship with Home. We can learn from Israel about what it means to be chosen. It’s not for our status, but for something else God has in mind.

Life Group Questions

Head (what?)

Why was Paul in “great sorrow and unceasing anguish”?

Who is and who isn't Israel? Why? (v. 7-8)

What about the stipulation of the promise – “the older will serve the younger” – is unique?

How does v. 11 show that election is not based on our works?

Heart (so what?)

What has God chosen you for?

How do you feel knowing God has chosen you?

As a child of the promise, how is your faith doing these days?

Hands (now what?)

How is God directing you to live out your chosen calling?

If we can't make someone believe, what can we do for them?

How can you reflect God's love more in your daily life?

Offering *You may give your offering by giving online through the church website at 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.*

Prayers

Leader: O great God, glorify yourself in all the earth.

Be glorified in creation, be glorified in your church,
be glorified in our worship here this very morning.

Though we are so small and you are so grand,
help us nevertheless to magnify your name.

Help us to make your name and the nature of your grace
larger and easier for people to see.

When people ask for an explanation of the hope we have,
give us the words to answer thoughtfully and well.

When people wonder out loud who Jesus is and why he matters,
help us to reply in words that will echo the sweetness of your gospel.

Help us to magnify your name, O Lord, so that you may be glorified in all
the earth.

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

Words of Institution

Preparation for The Lord's Table

Holy Communion: We celebrate the Lord's Supper today by receiving the Body and Blood of Christ which is given in, with and under the bread and wine. In this meal, we receive the forgiveness of sins, the promise of life everlasting and the strength we need to live faithfully. We invite to the Lord's Table baptized believers who are truly repentant of sin and seek the grace in this meal, forgiving of one another as we have been forgiven, and gladly believe and confess the Real Presence of Christ in this meal. All people are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Participating in the meal is how the church proclaims the Lord's death, resurrection and imminent return. **Red wine** is used to best visually convey the blood of Christ. For personal or medical reasons, **white grape juice** is also available in the center of the trays.

Communion Songs: *"The Bread is Blessed"*

The bread is blessed, the wine is poured:
The joyful feast of Christ our Lord!
You prepare a table before me,
My cup overflows to the brim.

This bread be shared till all have food,
This wine run red for human good.
You restore the Spirit within me,
You lead me in pathways to peace.

To each a life, to each the sun,
The way of hope where there was none.
You bring forth the light out of darkness,
You shine through the valley of death.

Not one be left, not one be lost:
The stone be rolled, the Cross uncrossed.
Your unfailing goodness and mercy
Prepare me a room in Your house.

The bread is blessed, the wine is poured:
Come, share the feast of Christ our Lord.
Come, share the feast of Christ!

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“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

You satisfy the hungry heart
With gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
The bread of life to eat.

As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
They know and heed his voice;
So when You call Your family, Lord,
We follow and rejoice.

You satisfy the hungry heart
With gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
The bread of life to eat.

With joyful lips we sing to You
Our praise and gratitude
That You should count us worthy, Lord,
To share this heav'nly food.

You satisfy the hungry heart
With gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
The bread of life to eat.

Is not the cup we bless and share
The blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
Our oneness in the Lord?

You satisfy the hungry heart
With gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
The bread of life to eat.

The mystery of Your presence, Lord,
No mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain
Comes in our hearts to dwell.

You satisfy the hungry heart
With gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
The bread of life to eat.

You give Yourself to us, O Lord;
Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in Your name
In truth and charity.

You satisfy the hungry heart
With gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
The bread of life to eat.

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Thanksgiving

Leader: We bless you, O God,
for gifts of bread and cup,
for sustaining us in hope,
every day of our lives.
We pray for your strength
to prepare us now for your service
as we offer to you
lives of witness and worship
in the world you have made.
Through Christ, our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Blessing

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on
you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and
give you peace.

Congregation: Amen.

Closing Song: “Yes, Lord, Yes”

Yes, Lord, yes to Your will and to Your way,
Oh yes, Lord yes, I will trust You and obey,
When Your Spirit speaks to me with my whole heart I'll agree
And my answer will be yes, Lord, yes.

Lord I give You all the glory, for all You've given me,
You have filled my life until I overflow.
All I have is Yours to use, in any way You chose,
You are Lord of all, so how can I say no?

I'll say yes, Lord, yes, to Your will and to Your way,
I'll say yes, Lord, yes, I will trust You and obey.
When Your Spirit speaks to me, with my whole heart I'll agree
And my answer will be yes, Lord, yes.

If I never knew the fullness of living in Your will,
I would never know how rich my life could be,
Lord my willingness to serve is the least that You deserve
For the blessings you have showered over me.

So I'll say yes, Lord, yes, to Your will and to Your way,
I'll say yes, Lord, yes, I will trust You and obey.
When Your Spirit speaks to me, with my whole heart I'll agree
And my answer will be yes,
Lord my answer will be yes,
Oh my answer will be yes Lord yes!

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Friendship Celebration Announcements ~ August 2, 2020

WORSHIP REHERSAL SCHEDULE – Worship rehearsals are moving from Thursday evenings to Wednesdays at 6:30 beginning August 5th.

Sharing of the Pics! New! The church office is accepting photos from the congregation for a weekly slideshow. Since we can't have the sharing of the peace, we'll have the sharing of the pics! If you have a fun photo, a family photo or anything that shares what you have been up to this summer, we want to see and share it. Photos should be landscape orientation (turn your phone sideways), high resolution and .jpg format is preferred. Please email pictures to jhammerson@friendshipcelebration.org. The slideshow will be part of the online worship services which are available through Facebook Live and the church website. No names or information will be shared, just the picture. As photos are submitted, we'll have a new slideshow each week as a way of helping us stay connected and mindful of one another.

Campfire Worship With Signe From Camp Perkins & Outdoor Movie Night: We hope you and your family can join us for a Camp Perkins Campfire. It is a good opportunity to stay connected with a great family/youth ministry and to connect with others from our home church community in a safe social distancing way. We will do smores, sing songs, here a devotion from Signe White (Camp Perkins – Director) and then end the night with a movie on the lawn (The Incredibles).

- **Date:** Saturday August 8th
- **Time:** 8pm
- **Who:** Families, youth, children, people who love Camp Perkins Lutheran Outdoor Ministry
- **Where:** Friendship Celebration Lutheran Church – Field.

Dementia Caregivers' Network: Do you or someone you know provide caregiving for a family member with dementia? If you would like to join a Zoom group chat with other caregivers, contact Donna at 208-631-8923 or donnam676@gmail.com. We'll set a meeting schedule that is most convenient for the group. Attendance will be casual – just attend meetings when you can.

Attention Worship Teams! The scheduled date for a barbeque at the Hausch House has been changed to accommodate those who could not make it. We want input from each of you. Please change the date from the 16th to August 30th at 6 pm. Besides enjoying food and fellowship we will discuss plans for the fall/winter season. If you are interested in serving this year, and have not alerted me previously, please know that you are welcome if you are a strong singer or play an instrument and have a heart for music ministry. RSVP to Linda at lhausch@gmail.com

Reminder! Ada County Mask Mandate -- The Central District Health Board issued a county-wide order mandating facemasks be worn both inside and outside when social distancing of 6' or more cannot be maintained. There are some exceptions, such as if it creates hardship for people with certain medical conditions. Masks are worn in consideration of others as a way of reducing the risk of spreading the virus. Let us obey the law, gladly show respect for one another, and help create a safe and healthy environment as we gather. If you need a facemask, we have a supply available. Thank you!

It's the Last Week of Summer Day Camps, join us for Splash Camp! You will find the 2020 Summer Day Camp registration and more information on our website: www.friendshipcelebration.org. We hope you are safe and healthy during this time! In Christ, Brett Lindemood – Camp Director

LIFT UP YOUR EYES – LWML DISTRICT VIRTUAL CONVENTION SAVE THE DATE! AUGUST 15, 2020 Join your LWML sisters in the virtual LWML Utah-Idaho District Convention from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Join with your local LWML sisters at a church or a home to sing together with Mary Smith as our leader. Also, Terri Bentley will lead us in her Bible study entitled “Lift Up Your Eyes” – our convention theme. Watch for more information in the U&I Together and emails.

10TH ANNUAL FCLC YARD SALE Do you have stuff that is getting in your way or cluttering up your home? Donate it to the FCLC Youth Group! All proceeds will go to help youth ministry and youth trips (like servant trips, Camp Perkins, or the National Youth gathering). Anything not sold will be donated to a local charity. If you are making donations you can leave them in the barn on the pallets. The barn will be open on Sundays from 8am to 12pm and on weekdays from 9am to 2pm.

- **Date:** Saturday August 29th
- **Time:** 8am to 5pm
- **Where:** Friendship Celebration Lutheran Church – Field.

FCLC's Cookbook: “Breaking Bread in Friendship” Thank you for your many pre-orders. We're nearing 100 ordered! We will accept pre-orders through TODAY. Only a limited number of cookbooks will be available; so please pre-order if you are planning to purchase one. If you are interested in purchasing a cookbook or two (or more), please email Joan Hammerson at johammerson@msn.com. (Please do not reply to this email with your cookbook orders.) The price will be somewhere around \$8-10 each depending on publishing costs.

Tech Team Sound Persons needed -- We are looking for another person or two interested in doing sound with the Tech Team. Training will be provided. If interested, please contact Karl Bokenkamp (208-870-5621) for more information.

Prayer Chain-Prayer Requests - Call Jenny Kandler at 208-362-5410 or e-mail bob54109@msn.com to request prayer chain or if there are updates. If you email, also please call to let her know you've sent a prayer request via email. In the event that Jenny Kandler can't be reached for prayer chain, please call/notify, Donnette House (208-297-0775) at donnette15@gmail.com.

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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