



June 13, 2021

FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Ryan Rouse

*Called to proclaim and celebrate the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we are nurtured,
prepared, and sent to be the light of Christ in our world.*

You are created uniquely by God and you are welcome here.

Your Abilities· Age· Culture· Economic Status· Gender Expression/Identity· Life Circumstances· Marital Status·
Questions· Race· Sexual Orientation· are welcome here.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

L = Leader; C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN: “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me” ELW#767 (pg. 7 of bulletin)

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C And also with you.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM:

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

L.: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**C: We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.**

L: We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains
to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water Shared with strangers.
Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

**C: Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. Amen.**

L: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray, O God, ...

C: you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD SPEAK TO US

FIRST READING Ezekiel 17:22-24

Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the LORD will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.

²²Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.

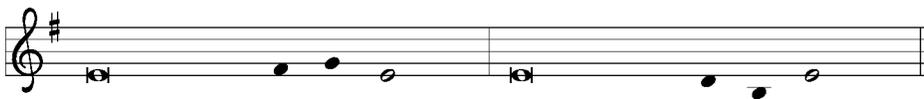
²³On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken;
I will accomplish it.



PSALM Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

¹It is a good thing to give thanks | to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, | O Most High;

²**to herald your love | in the morning
and your faithful- | ness at night;**

³on the psaltery, and | on the lyre,
and to the melody | of the harp.

⁴**For you have made me glad by your | acts, O LORD;
and I shout for joy because of the works | of your hands.**

¹²The righteous shall flourish | like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a ce- | dar of Lebanon.
¹³**Those who are planted in the house | of the LORD**
shall flourish in the courts | of our God;
¹⁴they shall still bear fruit | in old age;
they shall be | green and succulent;
¹⁵**that they may show how up- | right the LORD is,**
my rock, in whom there is | no injustice.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

GOSPEL ALLELUIA

Congregation:

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

Repeat optional

HOLY GOSPEL:

L: The holy gospel according to *Mark 4:26-34*

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

L: THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

CHILDREN'S SERMON (DRIVE-UP)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "*How Clear Is Our Vocation Lord*" ELW#580 (Pg. 8 of the bulletin)

INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBERS (DRIVE-UP, SEE BOTTOM OF PG. 5)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Hear us, O God, **C: Your mercy is great**

WE GATHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

OFFERING / MUSICAL OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray,

C: God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE 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.**

RECEIVE CHRIST IN BREAD AND WINE/GRAPE JUICE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Let us pray... Living God,

**C: you have greeted us in our brokenness
and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us.
Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love
into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WE SEND TO SERVE

SENDING BENEDICTION:

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

SENDING HYMN: “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” ELW#596 (Bulletin Pg. 9)

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

RITE OF WELCOME

PRESENTATION

L: Dear friends, we gather today with these people who have been called by God’s Spirit to join
with us in the Christian faith and life. Together, let us welcome them to this community of
faith in Jesus Christ.

Sponsors: I present.....to be welcomed by this Congregation.

L: People of God, will you help these individuals hear the gospel of Jesus Christ within this
household of faith?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

L: Name/s, Will you gather with this community of faith and hear the word of God with us?

New Members: We will

SIGN OF THE CROSS

Receive the † sign of the cross, a sign of God’s endless love and mercy for you.

Receive the † cross on your forehead, a sign of God’s endless mercy for you.

Learn to know and follow Christ.

C: Praise to you O Christ the wisdom and power of God.

Receive the † cross on your ears, that you may hear the gospel of Christ, the word of life.

C: Glory and praise to you, almighty and gracious God.

Receive the † cross on your eyes, that you may see the light of Christ, illumination for your way.

C: Praise to you O Christ the wisdom and power of God.

Receive the † cross on your lips, that you may sing praise to Christ, the joy of the church.

C: Glory and praise to you, almighty and gracious God.

Receive the † cross on your heart, that God may dwell there by faith.

C: Praise to you O Christ the wisdom and power of God.

Receive the † cross on your shoulders, that you may bear the gentle yoke of Christ.

C: Glory and praise to you, almighty and gracious God.

Receive the † cross on your hands, that God's mercy may be known in your work.

C: Praise to you O Christ the wisdom and power of God.

Receive the † cross on your feet, that you may walk in the way of Christ.

C: Glory and praise to you, almighty and gracious God.

PRAYER

L: Gracious God, we praise you and give you thanks for these people who, with your guidance, have decided to join with us in worship, to hear your Word, to share in your supper, and to proclaim the good news of your Son Jesus Christ through word and deed. We thank you, Lord, for these new members of our congregation. By your life-giving power, bind us to each other in you, strengthen us for service, support us all our days, and bring us at length to that day when all your children will be one as you are one with your Son and the Holy Spirit. Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy: through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord!

C: AMEN

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Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;
 3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,

di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.
 for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.
 I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home,

With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
 Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
 then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!

so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.
 for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.
 So, take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

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1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
 if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind
 whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,
 in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,

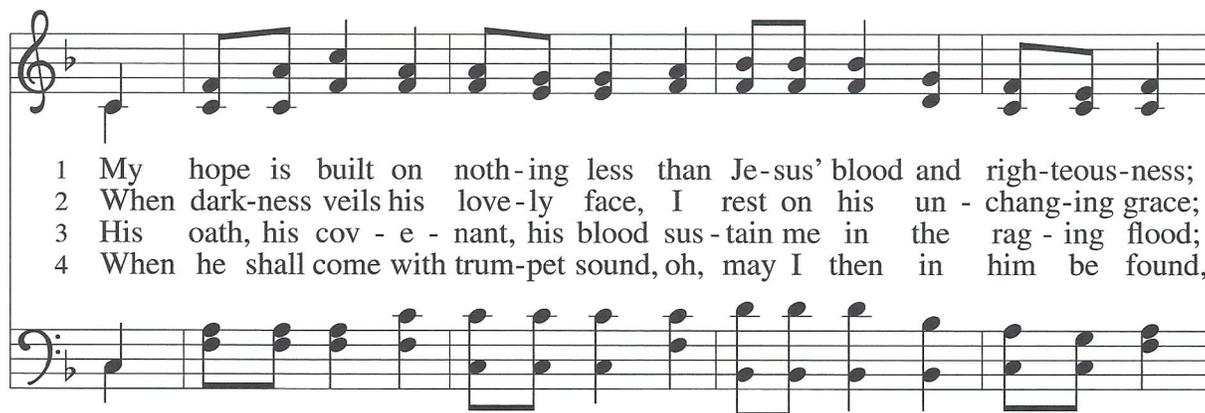


that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
 its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
 and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
 the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

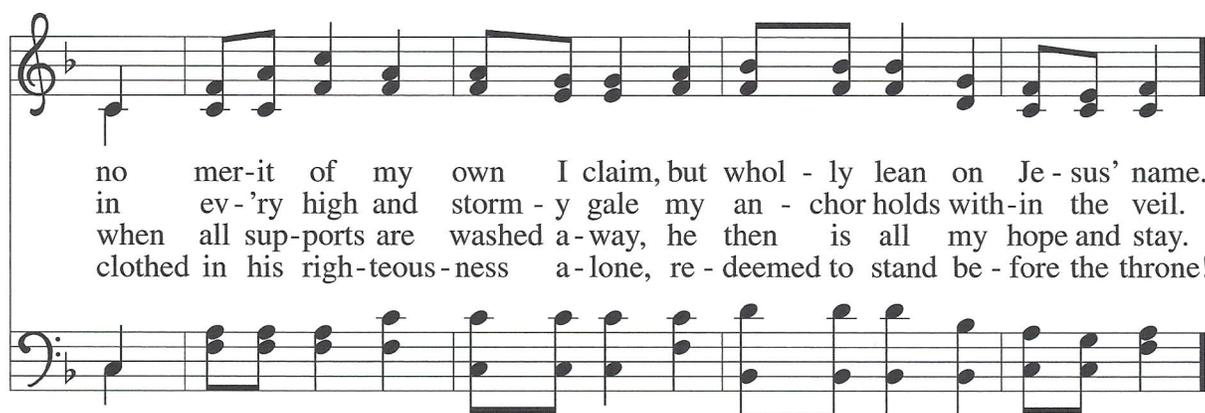
YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL COMPARISONS REPORT			
FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH	May 2020	May 2021	April 2021 Budget
Total Income	102,766.86	93,688.39	109,875.08
Total Expenses	106,806.14	100,060.98	119,127.77
Income compared to Expenses	(4,039.28)	(6,372.59)	

Thank you for your financial contributions to FELC. As of May 2021, we received a total of \$93,688.39 and spent \$100,060.98 so the balance is negative **-\$6,372.59**. (This is better than last month-getting closer to a positive balance. Any amount you are able to give really helps and is very much appreciated.)

596 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

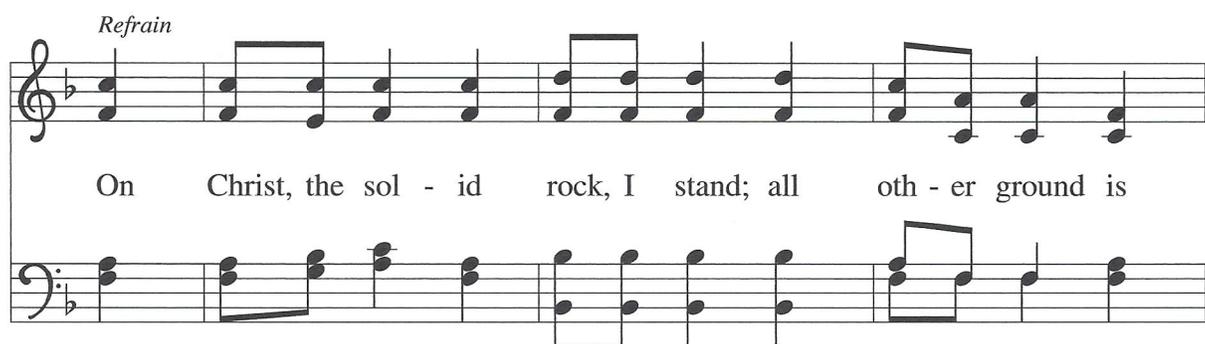


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
 2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,

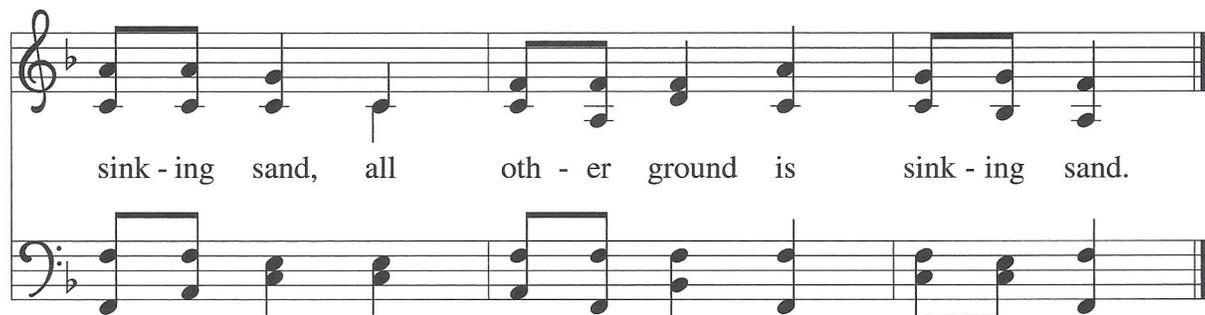


no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
 when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.