

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
Sunday, April 12, 2026
Second Sunday of Easter
“Centennial Celebration”



First Evangelical & Holy Cross Churches
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“We are a community of churches and a church to the community.”

Welcome to worship with First Evangelical and Holy Cross churches. We come together for worship each Sunday to share in the ministry and mission of our Lord Jesus Christ with our own unique traditions and history. Seven other Christian ministries are located onsite with us.

If you are a guest or visitor and would like to know more about First Evangelical or Holy Cross, please reach out to one of our ushers, pastors, or fill out a welcome card and drop it in the offering boxes. Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. May God bless you.

PRELUDE: “*Seek Ye First*”

Church Choir

WELCOME / INVOCATION

PAINTING OF MURAL

Rev. Paul Oman, “Drawn to the Word”

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: “*All Are Welcome*”

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

2 Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain*

3 Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain*

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: *Refrain*

5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, whose rising from the empty tomb brings to us the promise of life eternal.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination; you may kneel or stand.

P: In the presence of the living God,

C: we confess that we set our minds towards things of death,
and not on the life that is revealed in the Christ.

In our fear and trembling

we quickly turn from you towards ourselves.

**Our fear leads us to doubt your promise,
harm our neighbor, and neglect your creation.**

**Resurrect us O' God, and bring about the new life in ourselves,
in our community, and our world.**

Through the mercy of you beloved Son,

heal us from our sin, and give us the new breath of your Spirit.

P: Our Lord and savior Jesus Christ proclaims, "Do not be afraid!"
Know that you are washed anew in his rising, and your sins are forgiven.
Be at peace, and live in the everlasting love of God.

C: Amen!

HYMN OF PRAISE: *"He Is Exalted"*

Duet: Emely Rowan, James Binion

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. . .

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Welcome to worship with **First Evangelical** and **Holy Cross** churches. Today we are celebrating First Evangelical's Centennial, formally organized on April 4th, 1926. Please join us for all the festivities.
- **Visitors, guests**, please sign the guest book or drop your contact information on a communion card in the pew and drop it in the offering boxes. If you would like more information about **joining the church**, please talk to one of the pastors, call, or email the office. We look forward to hearing from you!
- A special **thank you** to our speakers, artist, & special guest musicians today.
- We're looking for volunteers to help with **Vacation Bible School** this spring. Mark your calendars for **June 15-19, 6:30-8:30 p.m.** Our theme this year is: **"True North"**, where the kids will have an unforgettable Alaskan adventure! **Registration** will begin soon for 4-&5-year-olds and elementary youth.
- **Centennial Celebration Schedule – Today!**
 - 11:30 a.m. Lunch & Carnival – in Fountain Courtyard**
 - Southwest BBQ Food Truck: Lunch Combo *Free* with ticket
 - Additional items available for purchase.
 - Outdoor picnic seating. (no food in church)
 - Petting zoo, games, bouncy house (*parental supervision required*)
 - Merchandise (t-shirts, polos, hats, pens, stickers)
 - "Drawn to the Word" display and caricature painting
 - Display Tables (photo directories, pictures, history)
 - 1:30 p.m. – Anniversary Program: "Memories, Music, & Mission"**
 - Special Guests, Speakers, History, Memory Videos, & Music
 - 3:30 p.m. – Hors d'oeuvres & Dessert – in Fellowship Hall (free)**
 - Menu: Cheeseburger Sliders, Charcuterie Board, Fruit Platter

CENTENNIAL GREETINGS

Debra Schwinn, PBAU President

CHILDRENS MESSAGE - *The elementary-aged children are excused for Flame, our Sunday School class.*

FIRST READING: 1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶ This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. ¹⁹ This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰ If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²² and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴ The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

¹¹ All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying: “Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!”

¹³ Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

¹⁴ I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore, “they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶ ‘Never again will

they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,' nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; 'he will lead them to springs of living water.' 'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'”

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING: John 10:11-18

B: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord

¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴ “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

B: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Bishop Dan Selbo, NALC

Bishop Dan Selbo and his wife, Mary, will be celebrating forty years of marriage this June. They have been blessed with four children and are enjoying their many grandchildren. He graduated from San Jose State University, received his Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degree in biblical preaching from Luther Seminary. He served at St Timothy, San Jose, CA before being elected as bishop of the North American Lutheran Church in 2019, and reelected in 2023.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and Praise.

SONG: *“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of pow’r and might,

heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER

C: 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.

THE DISTRIBUTION – CONTINUOUS FORMAT *(Silence is appreciated)*

We practice Open Communion at Holy Cross and First Evangelical. If you believe that the Holy Sacrament carries with it the promises of the forgiveness of sins and eternal life and are a **baptized Christian** – you are welcome to receive. We do ask, however, that younger children who have not yet been instructed in the meaning of the sacrament - please come to the chancel for a blessing but refrain from receiving. Grape juice is in the center of the communion trays.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“One Bread, One Body”
“Holy Ground”

Church Choir
Emely Rowan, James Binion

BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,

✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

RECESSIONAL SONG: “*O God Beyond All Praising*”

- 1 O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

- 2 The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown—
though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:
for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
and we through him are given the final victory.

- 3 Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



WELCOME to all and thank you for joining us in worship today as we give thanks and praise to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We pray that the service will be meaningful and uplifting for you. If you are a first-time visitor, please sign the Guest Register. You are invited to stay for coffee and refreshments following the service.

Serving in Worship

- Pastors** - Rev. Daniel D. Baker & Rev. Dr. Michael Breznen
- Preaching** - Bishop Dan Selbo, NALC
- Crucifers** - Tom Kalorgis, Hilka Schroderus-Rowe
- Liturgists** - Dianne Breznen
- Communion Assistants** - Dianne Breznen, Hilka Schroderus-Rowe
- Sound/Live Stream** - Ken Burton
- Video/Live Stream** - Scot Alexander/Sera Butz

| | This Week | Next Week |
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| Musicians / Singers | Sandra Baran (Pianist) Emely Rowan (Vocals) James Binion (Vocals) Frank Bermudez (Trumpet, Horn) Elijah Bartimore (Drums) | CAC-WPB |
| Lector | Cheryl Richter | Patty Krauss |
| Ushers | Katherine S., Judith M. | Katherine S., Judith M. |
| Greeters | Bob S. & Susan M. | Bob S. & Susan M. |

Remember in Prayer

We pray for peace between nations and peoples and for just resolutions to the conflicts throughout the world – especially the people of Israel and fellow believers facing life-threatening persecution; those in war-torn countries; for all members of our armed services and law enforcement personnel; for our country and our nation’s leaders; for the Church, Church leaders, for **Youth for Christ**, and all faithful witnesses to the Gospel; for our missionaries – **Anthony** and **Soyoung Sellari** and their work in Egypt.

We pray for God’s healing presence to be with: **Elihana, Debbie Ann, Luis & Foil, Saul & Martha, Carol & Darryl, Dennis, Bill, Cynthia, Dylan, John, Lisa & Don, Raj, Sandy, Carl, Trish, Lou, Allan, Carson, David, Gertrude, Holly, Katie, Linda, Marilynn & Patrick, Lesley, Linda, Joan** and members of the **Holy Cross and First Evangelical Church families** who are at home and unable to attend.

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