

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
Happy Mother's Day
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 10, 2026



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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.

WELCOME / INVOCATION

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Gather Us In"



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Father of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

C: We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and are not worthy to be called your children. Have mercy on us and turn us from our sinful ways. Bring us back to you as those who were once dead but now have life, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in love. Through the Holy Spirit God gives life, freedom from the power of sin, and resurrection from the dead. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Live and walk in the newness of life.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: *“Send Down Your Spirit”*

Verse 1

Though I wage war within
My broken heart cannot begin
To understand who You are
And how You love me

Chorus

Lord send down Your Spirit
Let me receive Your peace
Lord send down Your wisdom
Let my trust in You increase

Verse 2

Though I fail to believe
My wandering heart longs to see
And comprehend who You are
And know Your mercy

Bridge

Draw near to us
Come dwell in us
We invite You Jesus
(REPEAT)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. . .

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Happy Mother's Day!** Welcome to worship with First Evangelical and Holy Cross churches. If you would like more information about our churches, please talk to one of the pastors, call, or email the office. We look forward to hearing from you!
- Please join us for light **lunch** following worship today in the Fellowship Hall.
- Would you like an **Anniversary** T-shirt or Polo? How about special souvenir pens, stickers, or hats? Or a color program from the afternoon? All are still available from the office.
- Our church will be hosting a **Life Line Health Screening** event on May 20th. Go to www.llsa.social/habc or call 800-324-9458 to schedule an appointment, code HABC001. \$129 screening package includes: carotid artery disease, atrial fibrillation, peripheral artery disease, abdominal aortic aneurysm.
- 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.

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

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

²² Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴ “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ²⁵ And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. ²⁶ From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷ God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸ ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

²⁹ “Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. ³⁰ In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹ For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³ Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” ¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. ¹⁷ For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. ¹⁹ After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— ²⁰ to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING: John 14:15-21

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ “If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "For All The Faithful Women"



1 For all the faith-ful wom - en who served in days of old,
2 O God, for saints and ser - vants, those named and those un-known,
3 All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



to you shall thanks be giv - en; to all, their stor - y told.
in whom through all the a - ges your light of glo - ry shone,
All praise to God the Spir - it, who binds the church as one!



They served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave.
we of - fer glad thanks-giv - ing and fer - vent prayer we raise
With saints who went be - fore us, with saints who wit - ness still,



To you their lives bore wit - ness, pro-claimed your pow'r to save.
that, faith - ful in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.
we sing glad al - le - lu - ias and strive to do your will.

SERMON

Pastor Daniel Baker

Hymn of The Day: *“For All The Faithful Women”*

VERSE 1 - Miriam

We praise your name for Miriam
who sang triumphantly
while Pharoah’s vaunted army
lay drowned beneath the sea.
As Israel marched to freedom,
her chains of bondage gone,
so may we reach the kingdom
your mighty arm has won.

VERSE 2 - Hannah

To Hannah, praying childless
before the throne of grace,
you gave a son and called him
to serve before your face.
grant us her perseverance;
Lord, teach us how to pray
and trust in your deliv’rance
when darkness hides our way.

VERSE 3 - Ruth

For Ruth, who left her homeland
and ventured forth in faith,
who pledged to serve and worship
Naomi’s God till death,
we praise you, God of Israel,
and pray for hearts set free
to bind ourselves to others
in love and loyalty

VERSE 4 – Mary, Mother of Jesus

We honor faithful Mary,
fair maiden, full of grace.
She bore the Christ, our brother,
Who saved our human race.
My we, with her, surrender
ourselves to your command
and lay upon your altar
our gifts of heart and hand.

VERSE 5 – Martha and Mary

We sing of busy Martha,
who toiled with pot and pan
while Mary sat in silence
to hear the word again.
Christ, keep our hearts attentive
to truth that you declare,
and strengthen us for service
when work becomes our prayer.

VERSE – 6 The Woman at the Well

Recall the outcast woman
with whom our Lord conversed:
Christ gave her living water
to quench her deepest thirst.
As joyfully she saw him
in resurrection light,
may we by faith behold him,
The day who ends all night

VERSE 7 – Mary Magdalene

We praise the other Mary,
who came at Easter dawn
and near the tomb did tarry,
but found her Lord was gone.
As joyfully she saw him
in resurrection light,
may we by faith behold him,
the day who ends all night

VERSE 8 – Eunice and Lois

For Eunice and Lois,
we sing our thanks and praise.
Young Timothy they nurtured
and led him in your ways.
Raise up in ev’ry household
true teachers of your word
who lives will bear clear witness
to Christ, our risen Lord.

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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.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER & BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL SONG: *“The Blessing”*

The Lord bless you, and keep you,
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn His face toward you, and give you peace.
A – men, a – men, a-men A – men, a – men, a-men

The Lord bless you, and keep you,
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn His face toward you, and give you peace.
A –men, a – men, a-men A – men, a – men, a-men

May His Favor be upon you and a thousand generations and your family
And your children and their children and their children.

May His presence go before you and behind you and beside you,
All around you and within you. He is with you, He is with you.
In The morning, in the evening, in your coming and your going,
In your weeping and rejoicing, He is for you, He is for you, *(repeat 4x)*
A – men, a-men, a-men A-men, a-men, a-men.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn His face toward you And give you peace.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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
- 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
Musicians / Singers	Sandra Baran	CAC-WPB
Lector	Susan Moncher	Andi Devine
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: **Jamie, Leona, Bob, Hal, 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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