

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Sunday, July 19, 2026



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: “*Allegro*” from Suite XIV

by G. F. Handel

WELCOME / INVOCATION

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: “*O Holy Spirit, Enter In*”



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, and in our hearts your
2 Left to our - selves, we sure - ly stray; oh, lead us on the
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your good Word in



work be - gin, and make our hearts your dwell - ing. Sun of the soul,
nar - row way, with wis - est coun - sel guide us; and give us stead -
doubt and strife be in us strong - ly burn - ing, that we be faith -



O Light di - vine, a - round and in us bright - ly shine, your strength
fast - ness, that we may fol - low you for - ev - er free, no mat -
ful un - to death and live in love and ho - ly faith, from you



in us up - well - ing. In your ra - diance life from heav - en now is
ter who de - rides us. Gent - ly heal those hearts now bro - ken; give some
true wis - dom learn - ing. Lord, your mer - cy on us show - er; by your



giv - en o - ver - flow - ing, gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing.
to - ken you are near us, whom we trust to light and cheer us.
pow - er Christ con - fess - ing, we will cher - ish all your bless - ing.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous;

C: it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

P: Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.

C: Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.

P: He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into storehouses.

C: Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the people of the world revere him.

P: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance.

C: From heaven the Lord looks down and sees all mankind;

P: from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth—he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.

C: We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

P: In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.

C: May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Everlasting God,

C: We confess how we have not lived as your people.

**We serve many masters—work, wealth, power, addictions—
yet find no hope in them.**

We hear the cries of the poor, and shut the doors of our hearts to them.

We ridicule those who expose their hopes and dreams to us.

**Forgive us, Compassion's Heart,
and heal us of our brokenness.**

**Make us well, so that by our healing,
we might be the hope and love others need in their lives,
even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,
brought these gifts to us,
calling us to be faithful with the grace, peace, and joy entrusted to us.**

Silence is kept

P: Now that we have let go of the pain, the bitterness, the anger of our lives,
let us be kind, tender-hearted, and gentle towards each other,
forgiving as God has forgiven us.

**C: We are God's beloved children,
and will model God's grace and love in our hearts.**

Thanks be to God! We are forgiven! Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: *"With the Lord Begin Your Task"*



1 With the Lord be - gin your task; Je - sus will di - rect it.
2 Let each day be - gin with prayer, praise, and ad - o - ra - tion.
3 With your Sav - ior at your side, foes need not a - larm you;
4 If your task be thus be - gun with the Sav - ior's bless - ing,



For his aid and coun - sel ask; Je - sus will per - fect it.
On the Lord cast ev - 'ry care; he is your sal - va - tion.
in his prom - is - es con - fide, and no ill can harm you.
safe - ly then your course will run, toward the prom - ise press - ing.



Ev - 'ry morn with Je - sus rise, and, when day is end - ed,
Morn - ing, eve - ning, and at night Je - sus will be near you,
All your trust and hope re - pose in the might - y mas - ter,
Good will fol - low ev - 'ry - where while you here must wan - der;



in his name then close your eyes; be to him com - mend - ed.
save you from the tempt - er's might, with his pres - ence cheer you.
who in wis - dom tru - ly knows how to stem di - sas - ter.
you at last the joy will share in the man - sions yon - der.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. . .

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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. Join us after worship today for a delicious **lunch** in the Fellowship Hall.
- We will have **new member orientation** on July 26 after worship, and **welcoming new members** in worship on August 23rd. We look forward to hearing from you.
- Help kids at Conniston Middle School by gathering items for our “**Back to School Supplies Drive**” through the end of August – Drop off items include: mesh backpacks, 6 tab dividers, 1 subject spiral notebooks, three hole punch pencil pouches, three hole punch rulers, sharpened #2 pencils, magic rub erasers, black-blue-red pens, college ruled notebook paper, reinforcement labels, glue sticks, highlighters. Please leave them on the table and in the boxes at the back of the church.
- **Holy Cross Congregational** meeting is after worship in the sanctuary.
- **First Evangelical Church Council** will meet after worship in Classroom #1.

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6-8

6 “This is what the Lord says—

Israel’s King and Redeemer, the Lord Almighty:
I am the first and I am the last;
apart from me there is no God.

7 Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and lay out before me
what has happened since I established my ancient people,
and what is yet to come—
yes, let them foretell what will come.

8 Do not tremble, do not be afraid.

Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago?
You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me?
No, there is no other Rock; I know not one.”

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25

¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba*, Father.” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits

of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

²⁷ “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’

²⁸ “‘An enemy did this,’ he replied.

“The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

²⁹ “‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’”

³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

³⁷ He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

⁴⁰ “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Daniel Baker

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"Thee Will I Love, My Strength"*



1 Thee will I love, my strength, my tow'r; thee will I love, my
2 I thank thee, un - cre - at - ed sun, that thy bright beams on
3 Up - hold me in the doubt - ful race, nor suf - fer me a -
4 Thee will I love, my joy, my crown; thee will I love, my



joy, my crown! Thee will I love with all my pow'r, in
me have shined; I thank thee, who hast o - ver - thrown my
gain to stray; strength-en my feet with stead - y pace still
Lord, my God! Thee will I love, be - neath thy frown or



all thy works, and thee a - lone; thee will I
foes and healed my wound - ed mind; I thank thee,
to press for - ward in thy way, that all my
smile, thy scep - ter or thy rod. What though my



love, till the pure fire fills all my soul with chaste de - sire.
whose en - liv - 'ning voice bids my freed heart in thee re - jice.
pow'rs, with all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.
flesh and heart de - cay? Thee shall I love in end - less day!

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

THE OFFERING

***Your OFFERING is received in the back of the church.
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First Evangelical churches.***

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

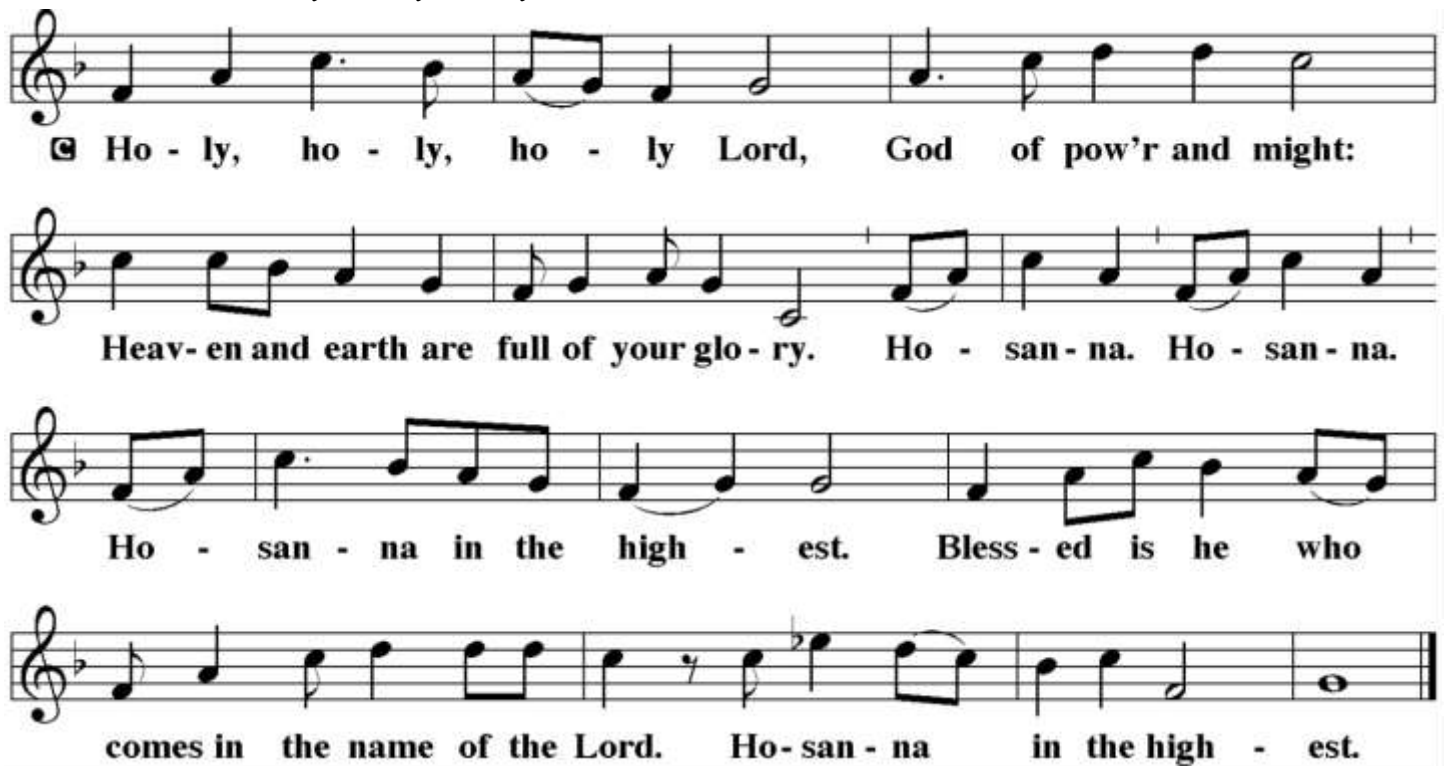
P: Lift up your hearts.

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.

SANCTUS: “Holy, Holy, Holy”



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

SOLO: “Give Thanks”

Emely Rowan, Anne Akerson Accompanist

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

AARONIC BLESSING IN HEBREW & ENGLISH

P: "The LORD bless you and keep you,
Y'varech'cha Adonai v'yeesh'm'reicha.

The LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
Yaer Adonai panav eleicha veechooneka.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace."
Yeesa Adonai panav eleicha v'yasem l'cha shalom.

C: Amen.

RECESSIONAL SONG: "Thee We Adore, Eternal Lord!"



1 Thee we a - dore, e - ter - nal Lord! We praise thy
2 To thee a - loud all an - gels cry, the heav'ns and
3 The a - pos - tles join the glo - rious throng, the proph - ets
4 From day to day, O Lord, do we high - ly ex -
5 Vouch - safe, O Lord, we hum - bly pray, to keep us



name with one ac - cord; thy saints, who here thy good - ness
all the pow'rs on high; thee, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly
swell the im - mor - tal song, the mar - tyrs' no - ble ar - my
alt and hon - or thee; thy name we wor - ship and a -
safe from sin this day; have mer - cy, Lord, we trust in



see, through all the world do wor - ship thee.
King, Lord God of hosts, they ev - er sing!
raise e - ter - nal an - thems to thy praise.
dore, world with - out end, for - ev - er - more!
thee; oh, let us ne'er con - found - ed be!

DISMISSAL

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: "Now Thank We All Our God"

Anne Akerson

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, Hilkka Schroderus-Rowe
Liturgists	- Dianne Breznen
Communion Assistants	- Dianne Breznen, Hilkka Schroderus-Rowe
Sound/Live Stream	- Ken Burton
Video/Live Stream	- Scot Alexander/Sera Butz

	This Week	Next Week
Musicians / Singers	Anne Akerson & Emely Rowan	CAC-WPB
Lector	Cheryl Richter	Bob 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. **The Family of Leona Mangan** and **The Family Hal Carter** – may their memory be a blessing.

We pray for God’s healing presence to be with: **Nick, Jamie, Bob, Elihana, Debbie Ann, Luis & Fiol, 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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