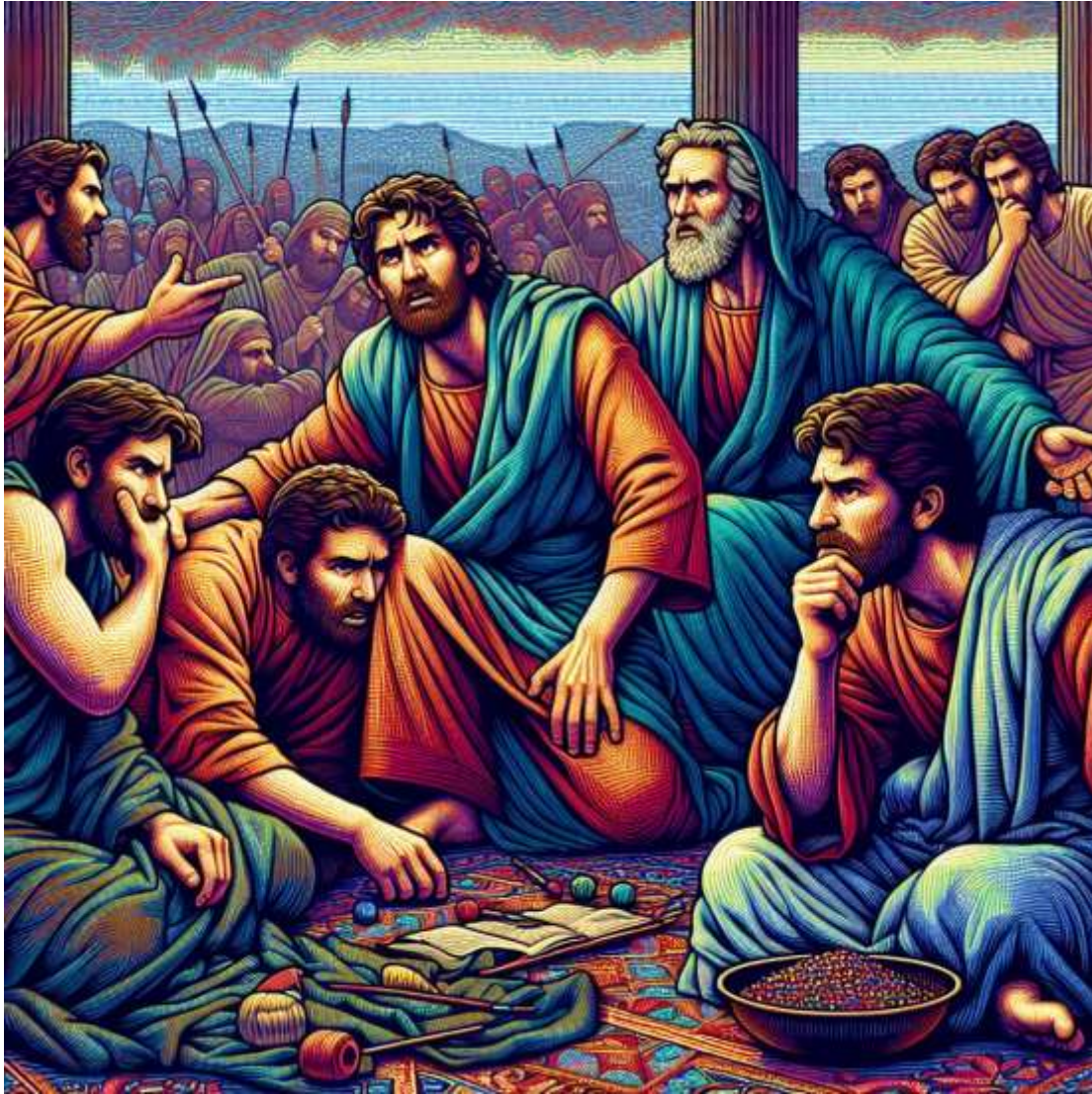


WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Sunday, September 13, 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.

WELCOME / INVOCATION

OPENING SONG: *This is Amazing Grace*

Verse 1

Who breaks the power of sin and
darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much
stronger?
The King of glory, the King above all
kings
Who shakes the whole earth with holy
thunder?
And leaves us breathless in awe and
wonder?
The King of glory, the King above all
kings

Chorus

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me

Verse 2

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphans a son and
daughter?
The King of glory, the King of glory
Who rules the nations with truth and
justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of glory, the King above all
kings

Chorus

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Bridge

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the
grave
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grave
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grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy, worthy, worthy

Chorus

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This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me

SONG: *Awesome God*

Verse

Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power, and love
Our God is an awesome God

(Repeat)



SONG: *Here in Your Presence*

Verse

Found in Your hands, fullness of joy
Every fear, suddenly wiped away
Here in Your presence
All of my gains, now fade away
Every crown, no longer on display
Here in Your presence

Pre-Chorus

Heaven is trembling in awe of Your wonders
The kings and their kingdoms are standing amazed

Chorus

Here in Your presence, we are undone
Here in Your presence, heaven and earth become one
Here in Your presence, all things are new
Here in Your presence, everything bows before You

Verse

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Bridge

Wonderful, beautiful, glorious
Matchless in every way

Chorus

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Here in Your presence, heaven and earth become one
Here in Your presence, all things are new
Here in Your presence, everything bows before You

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome to worship** with First Evangelical and Holy Cross churches. We pray you experience God's love and grace in worship today. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for delicious lunch
- **Holy Cross Church** is having a **Special Church Congregational** meeting after worship today; *all* Holy Cross members are encouraged to attend.
- **First Evangelical's Council** will meet after worship in Classroom #1.
- Join us for a new 10-week **Bible Study** starting **September 16th**. "*See Through the Scriptures*" makes the Bible more accessible by taking readers step-by-step through the entire biblical narrative from Genesis to Revelation, putting everything in clear context. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church to pick up materials. We will meet in chapel Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
- Come for a very special time of **Music & Testimony with Dr Elihana Elia**, next Sunday, September 20th during morning worship. Elihana is passionate about creating inspirational music with messages of faith in the G-d of Israel, hope and love for this generation. She serves in ministry with her mother Dr. Hadassah and her brother, Israel, in teaching and Jewish outreach ministry through *FRONTLINE ISRAEL; Restore Israel and the Nations*.
- Join us for another **Special Cultural Meal** next Sunday after worship. Nicole Taylor is blending her Polish and Italian-American heritage to serve us Polish-style cabbage rolls filled with seasoned ground beef and wrapped in tender cabbage. Then pour her homemade Italian marinara sauce over it to add some color and flavor. Alongside this, there will be parmesan mashed potatoes and sweet honey glazed Hawaiian rolls. Sounds delicious! RSVP today so we can give her a good count for her. Freewill offering will be received.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: ¹⁷ 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

¹⁸ His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.

¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹ So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

14 Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. ² One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. ³ The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. ⁴ Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. ⁶ Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. ⁸ If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. ⁹ For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. ¹¹ It is written:

“‘As surely as I live,’ says the Lord,
‘every knee will bow before me;
every tongue will acknowledge God.’”

¹² So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 19:13-14

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Michael Breznen

VIDEO

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Most Merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake, God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

THE OFFERING

***Your OFFERING is received in the back of the church.
Separate BOXES are available for both Holy Cross &
First Evangelical churches.***

**For First Evangelical only, you can give online at
www.felcwpb.com or TEXT2GIVE 844-504-1678
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THE PRAYERS

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 Hosts

Heaven and Earth Are full of Your Glory!

Hosanna! (Hosanna!) In the Highest

Blessed is he who comes In the name of the Lord!

Hosanna! (Hosanna!) In the Highest

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER - *(Sung acapella by all)*

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 debts,

As we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

And the power,

And the glory, forever.

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.

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

P: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

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, 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	CAC-WPB	Dr Elihana & Hadassa Elias
Lector	Gary Sellari	N/A
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: **Ken, Addie, Silas, Nick, Jamie, Elihana, Debbie Ann, Saul & Martha, 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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