

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Sunday, September 20, 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 / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Dan Baker

- **Welcome to worship** with First Evangelical and Holy Cross churches. We pray you experience God's love and grace in worship today.
- We welcome our special guests today, **Dr. Elihana Elias** as she sings and shares her powerful testimony. 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***.
- A limited first printing of Pastor Paul F. Arnold's Martin Luther Exhibition is now available. This 278-page coffee table book documents his 4000 item collection housed at the New Ebenezer Retreat Center in Rincon, Georgia. The book also tells the story of the Lutheran Salzburger, exiled from Austria, came to Georgia seeking a place of religious freedom and a chance for a new beginning. They built the historic Jerusalem Lutheran Church, now the oldest Lutheran church in America with a continuously active congregation. To order the book, visit **www.newebenezer.org/shop**. Cost: \$50.
- Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel for our new **Bible Study, "See Through the Scriptures"**. We will go step-by-step through the biblical narrative from Genesis to Revelation, putting everything in clear context.
- Join us for another **Special Cultural Meal** after worship today. 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. Delicious! Freewill offering will be received.

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERS

Pastor Michael Breznen

MUSIC & TESTIMONY

Dr. Elihana Elia, Restore Israel

TEACHING & MESSAGE

Dr. Hadassah Elia, Restore Israel

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: With humility and honesty, let us confess our sins to our God who is slow to anger and quick to forgive.

C: Abundant God, so much of our harmful behavior is rooted in our envy. You have given us our manna – our daily bread – but we want more.

**We have allowed ourselves to be seduced by commercialism,
telling ourselves that we are not complete until we have the nicest things.
Forgive us when our actions convey that you are not enough for us.
Help us to live our lives simply and faithfully,
trusting in your steadfast love to provide all that we need. Amen.**

P: Friends, our salvation is not something that can be purchased with money or fame. Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ and Jesus Christ alone. I announce to you this day, your sins are forgiven.

ALL: Alleluia! Amen.

THE OFFERING

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



HOLY COMMUNION - WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION/ BLESSING

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.

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	Dr Elihana & Hadassa Elias	CAC
Lector	N/A	Vince Burkhardt
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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