

FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WELCOME to First Lutheran Church! We are happy that you decided to worship with us. If you are visiting just for today, we pray that God will be with you on your journey. If you are seeking a church home, we would be happy to welcome you into our church community. If you are interested in joining with the First Family, call the church office...and please worship with us again.

ALL BAPTIZED worshipers who confess the presence of Christ in the bread and wine of communion are invited to commune. Children are invited to come forward for a blessing. Communicants please complete a communion card.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS providing activities based on today's scripture readings are available in the narthex.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BAGS containing soft Biblical figures and coloring books are available for young children to use during worship. Speak to an usher if your child is interested.

A STAFFED NURSERY (available at 10:00 worship) is located on the second floor of the education building.

11 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 16, 2009
8:15 AM & 10:00 AM

The beginning of the organ prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.

GATHERING

Preludes and Silent Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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. **Amen.**

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

The assembly kneels. Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Glory Be to God in Heaven



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love,
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth;
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise,
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day (Celebrate insert)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray... **Amen**

WORD

First Reading Proverbs 9:1-6 (Celebrate insert)

R/Thanks be to God!

Psalm 34 (Celebrate insert)
(Read responsively)

Second Reading Ephesians 5:15-20 (Celebrate insert)
R/Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel John 6:51-58

R/ Glory to you, O Lord. R/ Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon ***"Chewing on the Bread of Life"***

Hymn of the Day "Come, Let Us Eat"

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Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church (Celebrate insert)

The Peace

THE MEAL

Offering

Doxology

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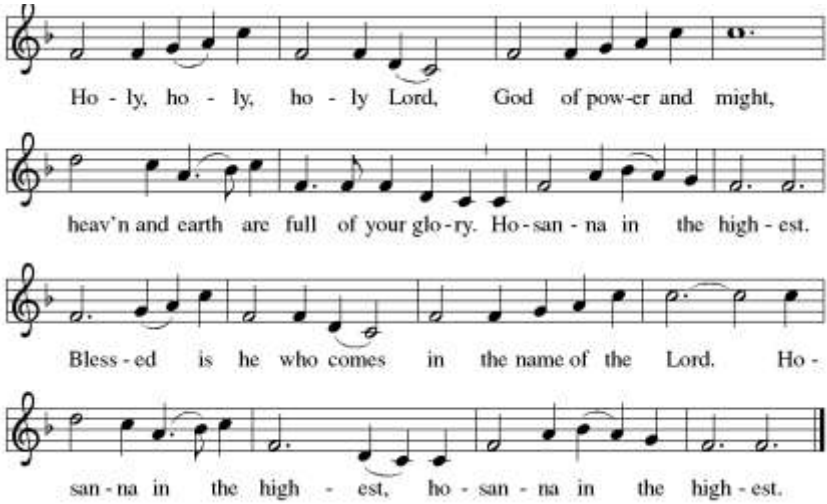
Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Lord's Prayer

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.

COMMUNION

Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life. **Amen**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks
that you have set before us this feast,
the body and blood of your Son.

By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need
and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

IN THE TIME BEFORE WORSHIP TODAY, the congregation is encouraged to read each introduction to the scripture readings in preparation for the hearing of God's word.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Kurtz and Edna S. Johnson by Nancy O'Hare. **CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given in memory of Roy Ott, Sr. by his wife, children, and grandchildren.

ACOLYTES are Joseph Ott, David Gogol, and Julia Gogol.

THE NURSERY is in the care of Peggy Hargis and Ian Ponitz. Children under the age of 4 are welcome.

TAPE MINISTRY is provided by Al Danilko. Tapes will be delivered tomorrow by Betty Mehan.

LECTORS are Mark Barnhart and Jeanne Christensen.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS are Danny Schreiber and David Gogol.

GREETERS are at 8:15 Brian Erdman - north door, Vicar Jack - center, Pastor Marleen - south door, Joanie Knobloch – choir door; at 10:00 Rick Druschel - north door, Vicar Jack - center, Pastor Marleen - south door, Pam Druschel – choir door.

SUMMER CHOIR will sing this morning. Singers of all ages are encouraged to come to the choir room at 9:45 to rehearse an easily learned anthem based on a familiar melody. Singers will sit in the congregation and come to the choir loft during the offering to sing the anthem.

MEET AND GREET VICAR JACK! Following each of the worship services today you are invited to extend your "welcome" to Vicar Jack in the fellowship hall. Cookies and punch will be served.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is tomorrow, Monday, August 17.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS this week include Budget and Finance, Tues., 6:30 p.m., Christian Ed. and Stewardship, Tues., 7:00 p.m., and Personnel, Thurs., 7:00 p.m.

FOOD FROM THE HEART, our weekday luncheon ministry continues this Wednesday at noon.

FOOD PANTRY distribution is this Thursday. Volunteers are needed by 8:00 a.m. to unload the truck, sort groceries, and help carry groceries to cars. Please lend a hand if you are able.

RUTH CIRCLE will meet this Thursday, Aug. 20, 7:00 for an organizational meeting at Gwen Irwin's home.

A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is called for Sunday, August 23 after both worship services to amend the resolution for the funding of the Troutman's Project.

VIRGINIA BOYERS will meet at Lakeview, Wed. Aug. 26, 11:30 a.m.

GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI PLANS FOR 2010 will be discussed after 10:00 a.m. worship on Sunday, Aug. 30. The dates for next year's trip are January 3-9, 2010. Everyone will need to pay the cost of the trip themselves this year. Join us if you are interested – details will be discussed.

OUR FOOD PANTRY (which we use for giving emergency food to needy families) is in need of supplies. Cereal, boxed products such as instant mashed potatoes, macaroni and rice, peanut butter, tuna, etc. are especially needed. Please place your donations in the box in the education building foyer.

OUR SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE continues through Sunday September 6th with worship services at 8:15 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Rally Re/Creation Day is Sunday, Sept. 13th with 8:15 a.m. worship here at the church and 10:00 a.m. outdoor worship at Twin Lakes Park pavilion #4. Sunday Church will begin on Sunday, Sept. 20.

IF YOUR LOVED ONE IS HOSPITALIZED please notify the pastors or call the church office. Due to the new HIPA rules, the hospital does not always notify us of members' admissions.

PLEASE KEEP our loved ones, serving in Iraq, in your prayers – Matt Lenart and John Zuzarate.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE last Sunday was 175.