

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.

12 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 23, 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 Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 (Celebrate insert)

R/Thanks be to God!

Psalm 34 (Celebrate insert)
(Read responsively)

Second Reading Ephesians 6:10-20 (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 6:56-69

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon ***"Offended"***

Hymn of the Day "Blessed Assurance"

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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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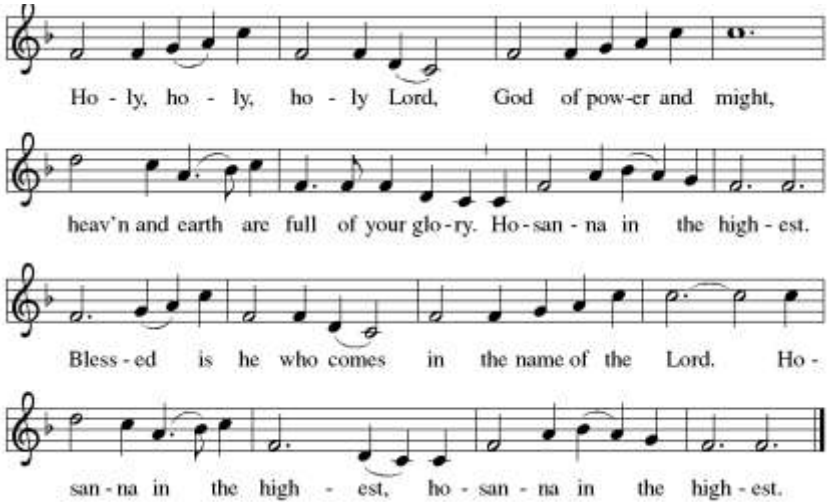
Offertory Prayer

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.

God of abundance,

with this bread of life and cup of salvation

you have united us with Christ,

making us one with all your people.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world

and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

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

Amen.

HYMN "Come, Thou Almighty King"

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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 Betty page by her daughter, Chubby.

ACOLYTES are Garrett Trent, Parker Trent, Jonny Heagy, and Jaden Johnston.

THE NURSERY is in the care of Mary Furlong Leppold and Hannah Heagy. Children under the age of 4 are welcome.

TAPE MINISTRY is provided by Dave Delisi. Tapes will be delivered tomorrow by Helen Marie Flinner.

LECTORS are Kim Nicassio and Shirley Huls.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS are Denny Blank and Malcolm Sias.

GREETERS are at 8:15 Becky Blank - north door, Pastor Doug - center, Vicar Jack - south door, Denny Blank - choir door; at 10:00 Shirley Huls - north door, Pastor Doug - center, Vicar Jack - south door.

A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is called for this morning after both worship services to amend the resolution for the funding of the Troutman's Project.

OUR YOUTH WHO ATTENDED THE NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING will present their thoughts about the gathering and a slideshow this morning after 10:00 a.m. worship. They would like to thank all those who supported the group both financially and through their prayers. A light lunch will be served. You are invited.

PRISCILLA CIRCLE meets Monday, 6:30 p.m. at the Valley Dairy Restaurant, Latrobe.

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

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

GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI PLANS FOR 2010 will be discussed after 10:00 a.m. worship next 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.

F.L.Y. AND JUNIOR F.L.Y. will meet Sunday, Sept. 13 at Twin Lakes, Pavilion #4 after the Rally Day program. The meeting will conclude at 3:00 p.m. All youth 4th grade and above are invited for fellowship fun, and planning for the upcoming year.

A MEET THE HANDBELLS session will be held on THURSDAY, Sept. 3. If you have an interest in learning more about handbells, you are invited to attend, Sept. 3 at 6:30 in the choir room. This will be a hands-on orientation for those who may want to consider playing in the handbell choir, or for those who simply wish to learn more about handbell ringing. There is no obligation to join the handbell choir although openings do exist for the upcoming year. I hope to see you on Sept. 3 and I promise this will be a non-intimidating, enjoyable activity.

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.

ALTAR GUILD will have a meeting for all members and/or interested members on Saturday morning, September 12 at 9:00 a.m. They will meet in the church sanctuary. Speak to Dianna Marusko if you have any questions.

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

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE last Sunday was 188.