

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.

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 6, 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

C onfession and F orgiveness

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 Isaiah 35:4-7a (Celebrate insert)

R/Thanks be to God!

Psalm 146 (Celebrate insert)
(Read responsively)

Second Reading James 2:1-17 (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 Mark 7:24-37

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon ***"Signs of the Kingdom"***

Hymn of the Day "Healer of Our Every Ill"

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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

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Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

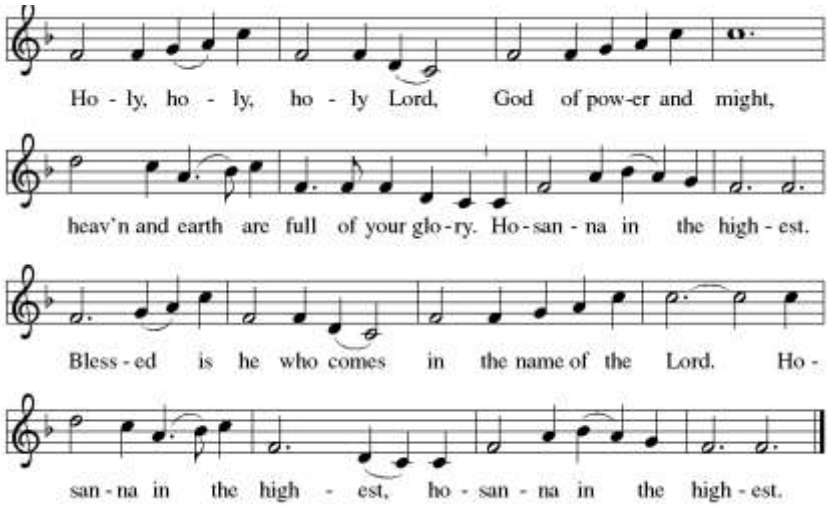
Lift up your hearts.

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 "God, Whose Almighty Word"

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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 Ralph G. and Jean Steel by Suzy and Tom Flory and sons. **CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given in memory of mother, Pauline Nelson, by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Moyer.

ACOLYTES are Alex McCanna, Hannah Heagy, and Emma Delisi.

THE NURSERY for September is in the care of Barbara Krunszynsky. Serving today are Tracey and Kiley Julian. Children under the age of 4 are welcome.

TAPE MINISTRY is provided by Dwight Miller and Liz Rowe. Tapes will be delivered tomorrow by Judi Seanor.

LECTORS are Gail Armstrong and Mike Gogol.

ALTAR GUILD for September includes Ruth Bush, Judi Seanor, Susan Gogol, and Daisy Shields.

USHERS for September include at 8:15 a.m. Tom Gockel - chief, Dave Armstrong, Dave Cobb, Sue Cobb; at 10:00 Lou Shutt - chief, Joe Bartlow, Rob Piper, and Art Smith.

GREETERS are at 8:15 Pastor Doug - north door, Vicar Jack - center, Pastor Marleen - south door, Gail Armstrong - choir door; at 10:00 Pastor Doug - north door, Vicar Jack - center, Pastor Marleen - south door, Daisy Shields - choir door.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed tomorrow for Labor Day.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS this week include Property, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Youth Ministry, Tues., 7:00 p.m., Budget & Finance, Tues., 7:30 p.m., and Evangelism, Wed., 7:00 p.m.

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

ADULT CHOIR begins rehearsals on this Thurs., Sept. 10 at 7:00 p.m. There will be no rehearsal on Sept. 17. Choir resumes singing at worship on Sept. 20.

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.

OUR SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE continues through today 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 School will begin on Sunday, Sept. 20.

F.L.Y. AND JUNIOR F.L.Y. will meet next 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.

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 215.