

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 10:45 worship)** is located on the second floor of the education building.

# 16 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 20, 2009

8:15 AM and 10:45 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.*

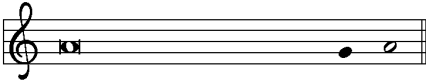
Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us 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.**


Kyrie




In peace, let us pray to the Lord.




Lord, have mer - cy.



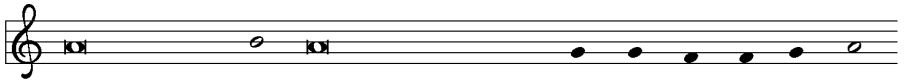
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,




and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.




Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

# Glory to God



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



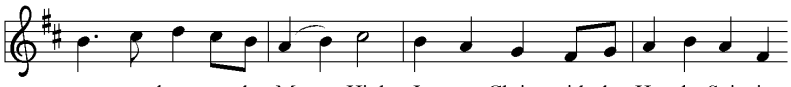
you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Prayer of the Day (Celebrate insert)  
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Let us pray... **Amen**

## WORD

First Reading Jeremiah 11:18-20 (Celebrate insert)  
**R/Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 54 (Celebrate insert)  
(Read responsively, 8:15; sung choir and congregation, 10:45)

Second Reading James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a (Celebrate insert)  
**R/Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Acclamation  
*(first Alleluia: cantor/choir; second Alleluia: congregation;  
verse: cantor/choir; final Alleluia: congregation)*

Gospel Mark 9:30-37  
**R/ Glory to you, O Lord. R/ Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon ***"What's In It For Me?"***

Hymn of the Day "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" # 708

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**

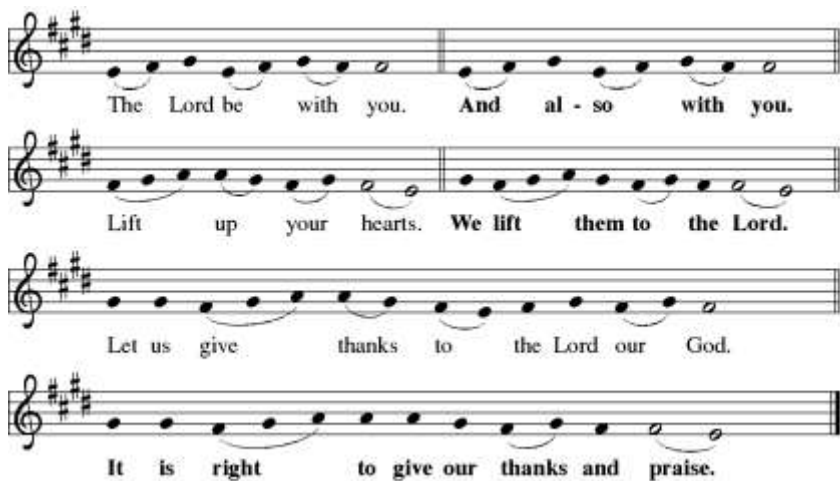
Offering

Doxology

**# 884**

Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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, Lord God of pow'r 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.

## 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.

We give you thanks, almighty God,  
that you have refreshed us  
through the healing power of this gift of life.  
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,  
in faith toward you  
and in fervent love toward one another;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING

BLESSING

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

HYMN "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

# 815

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 George A. Fulton, Jr. by George A. Fulton III family.

**ACOLYTES** are Lauren Nicassio, Rachel Peters, and Madeline Peters.

**THE NURSERY** is in the care of Peggy Hargis and Cassie Fait. Children under the age of 4 are welcome.

**TAPE MINISTRY** is provided by Wendy Johnston. Tapes will be delivered tomorrow by Cheryl Lucas.

**LECTORS** are Pat Eidemiller and Sunshine Keiser.

**GREETERS** are at 8:15 Vicar Jack - north door, Pastor Marleen - center, Pastor Doug - south door, Kathy Acita - choir door; at 10:45 Vicar Jack - north door, Pastor Marleen - center, Pastor Doug - south door, Megan Danilko - choir door.

**JUNIOR CHOIR** rehearses at 9:00 this morning in the Junior Choir Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the education building. Welcome!

**SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES** begin this morning for all ages. Two opportunities for discussion are provided for adults. "Living the Faith" will be facilitated by Daisy Shields. A discipline on making Christ central in your life, "In Pursuit of Jesus" will be facilitated by Dianna Marusko.

**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** is available this morning and every Sunday, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Join us.

**THE INTERN COMMITTEE** will meet following 10:45 a.m. worship today.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDIES** begin tomorrow evening. You are welcome to begin the evening by enjoying a meal together at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall (bring your own food). The three study groups will begin at 7:00 p.m.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS** this week include Evangelism, Mon., 5:30 p.m. and Worship and Music, Thurs., 8:00 p.m.

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

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS** meets Wed., 6:30 p.m.

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA** will have their fall general meeting this Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. All women of the congregation are invited to join in an interactive Bible quiz and a craft. Rebekah Circle will serve as hostesses for the evening.

**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** begins this Thursday, 10:30 -11:30 in the conference room.

**CHOIRS** rehearse Thursday. Bell Choir meets at 6:15 p.m.; choir meets at 7:00 p.m.

**THE JAVA TABLE**, featuring fair trade coffees, teas, and chocolates, will be open after both worship services next Sunday, Sept. 27.

**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 179.