

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.

17 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 27, 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.

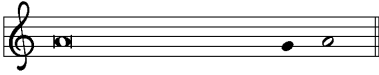
Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us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



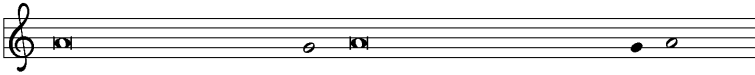
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



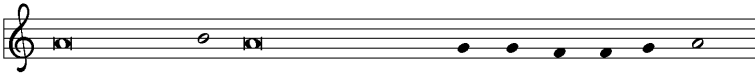
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

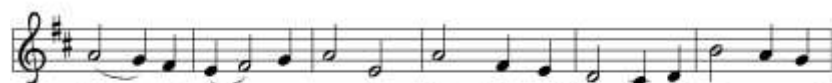
Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

WORD

First Reading Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 (Celebrate insert)
R/Thanks be to God!

Psalm 19 (Celebrate insert)
(Read responsively, 8:15; sung choir and congregation, 10:45)

Second Reading James 5:13-20 (Celebrate insert)
R/Thanks be to God!

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

Gospel Marl 9:38-50
R/ Glory to you, O Lord. R/ Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon
Sermon **"God at Work in Surprising Ways"**

Hymn of the Day "There Is a Balm in Gilead" # 614

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 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.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has two measures: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has two measures: '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.

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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 "Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing"

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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 celebration of Julia's 10th year of remission by Mike, Sue, Stephen, and David. **CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given in memory of Irene A. Skodak by her daughter, Marla Decriscio, and family AND in memory of father, Clyde Moyer, by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Moyer.

ACOLYTES are Ian Darragh, Nick Julian, and Kiley Julian.

THE NURSERY is in the care of Barbara and Rachel Krunzsyinsky. Children under the age of 4 are welcome.

TAPE MINISTRY is provided by Mark Merriman. Tapes will be delivered tomorrow by Helen Stombaugh.

LECTORS are Jean Miller and Rob Piper.

GREETERS are at 8:15 Pastor Doug - north door, Vicar Jack - center, Pastor Marleen - south door, Brenda Seranko - choir door; at 10:45 Pastor Doug - north door, Vicar Jack - center, Pastor Marleen - south door, Sara Smith - choir door.

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

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES provide two opportunities for discussion 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 JAVA TABLE is open this morning after both worship services. Visit the table in the fellowship hall and purchase coffee, teas, or chocolates and make a difference in the lives of men, women, and children who grow and harvest the coffee and cocoa beans.

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

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES begin continue 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.

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

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

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY continues 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.

NATHAN BOGGS and AMY SELEMBO plan to unite in marriage next Saturday and ask for your prayers.

FLY AND JUNIOR FLY meet next Sunday, 5-7:30 p.m. All youth grades 4 thru 12 are invited. FLY will elect officers and make plans for the upcoming year

FIREFLY will meet next Sunday, 5-6:30.

FIRST'S PRESCHOOL is off and running for the new school year. If you wish to help the preschool program, check out the apples on the school bus in the education building foyer. You may make a monetary donation for items on the green apples or you may choose a red apple for a purchase at Angel's Toy Barn at Westmoreland Mall. Thanks.

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 225.