

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.

REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 25, 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.

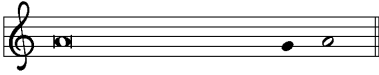
Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us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



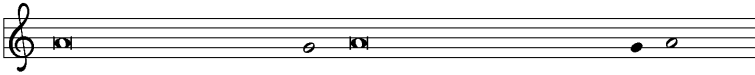
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



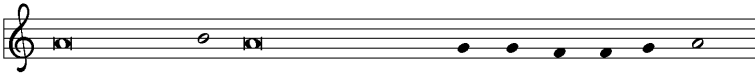
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

All



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 Jeremiah 31:31-34 (Celebrate insert)
R/Thanks be to God!

Psalm 46 (Celebrate insert)
(Read responsively, 8:15; sung choir and congregation, 10:45)

Second Reading Romans 3:19-28 (Celebrate insert)
R/Thanks be to God!

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

Gospel John 8:31-36
R/ Glory to you, O Lord. R/ Praise to you, O Christ.

"God's Word Is Our Great Heritage" # 509

Children's Sermon

Sermon "**Commencement**"

Hymn of the Day "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" # 517

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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.

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.

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 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

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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 Robert G. and Robert Frank Harbaugh by the Harbaugh, Menz, and Weyandt families. **CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given in memory of Jennie B. Stockberger and Judith S. Nycum by Alice Stockberger.

ACOLYTES are Dane Leone, Julia Gogol, and Mary Warren.

CRUCIFERS are Joseph Ott and Mark Silvis.

TORCH BEARERS are Ray McCanna, Alex McCanna, Hannah Heagy, and Nicole Bradley.

BIBLE BEARERS are Dylan Leone and Nick Silvis.

THE NURSERY is in the care of Katie Sias and Shelby Erdman. Children under the age of 4 are welcome.

TAPE MINISTRY is provided by Dennis Acita. Tapes will be delivered tomorrow by Cheryl Lucas.

LECTORS are Lauren Nicassio and Shirley Huls.

GREETERS are at 8:15 Pastor Marleen - north door, Vicar Jack - center, Pastor Doug - south door, Sue Oesterling - choir door; at 10:45 Pastor Marleen - north door, Vicar Jack - center, Pastor Doug - south door, Shirley Thomas - choir door.

THE CONGREGATION is reminded to respect the concerns of members who cannot shake hands during the flu season when we share the peace in worship. A verbal greeting of peace can serve as a substitute.

WE WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE this morning Sidney Warren, Courtney Fait, Laura Miller, and Brett Schugt.

VISIT THE JAVA TABLE TODAY! "Love Buzz," blend coffee is back! Roobis, Irish and English Breakfast teas are available. We have whole bean and drip coffees. "Divine" milk chocolate bars are here for a special Halloween treat. Make yourself a cup of warm hot chocolate with the Fair Exchange Cocoa Mix. And, remember, your purchases help

to make life "FAIR" for the coffee and cocoa bean farmers in Africa and South America.

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

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

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES provide two opportunities for discussion for adults. "Living the Faith" is facilitated by Daisy Shields. A discipline on making Christ central in your life, "In Pursuit of Jesus" is facilitated by Dianna Marusko.

INTERN COMMITTEE will meet after 10:45 a.m. worship today.

THE WESTMORELAND CHORAL SOCIETY is in concert this evening, 7:00 p.m. at Latrobe Presbyterian Church. Tickets are available at the door.

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES 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 begin at 7:00 p.m.

PRISCILLA CIRCLE will meet Monday, 6:30 p.m. at Valley Dairy, Latrobe.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY meets Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

ALL AGES ARE INVITED to a Halloween – Reformation Dance on Friday, Oct. 30, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Senior F.L.Y. members are invited to stay and dance from 9:00 p.m. to midnight and participate in a Lock-In until 8:00 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 31.

NEXT SUNDAY, NOV. 1 we will celebrate All Saint's Sunday. We will remember by name all of the saints of this congregation who have died since last All Saint's Sunday.

A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will follow both worship services on Sunday, November 8, for the purpose of nominating three council members to serve for the 2010 through 2012. A second meeting will be held on Nov. 15 for the purpose of electing three council members to serve that term.

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 212.