

FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

246 South Main Street
Greensburg, Pennsylvania
724-834-1457
www.felchurch.org

Rev. Douglas M. Heagy

Pastor

Rev. Marleen Griffith-Stull

Pastor

Mr. Jack Delk

Vicar

Mr. Marvin J. Huls

Director of Music

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.

23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 8, 2009

8:15 AM and 10:45 AM / **Narrative Holy Communion**

The beginning of the organ prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.

GATHERING

Preludes, Silent Prayer, and **Narrative One**

Narrative Two

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.**

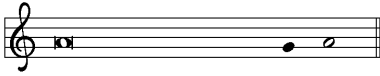
God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Narrative Three

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.



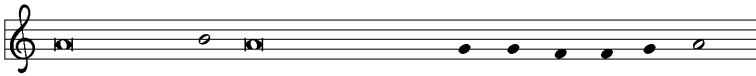
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

Narrative Four

Prayer of the Day (Celebrate insert)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray... **Amen**

WORD

Narrative Five

First Reading 1 Kings 17:8-16 (Celebrate insert)

R/Thanks be to God!

Psalm 146 (Celebrate insert)

(Read responsively)

Second Reading Hebrews 9:24-28 (Celebrate insert)

R/Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel Mark 12:38-44

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

Children's Sermon

Narrative Six

Sermon **"Don't Be a Dragon"**

Narrative Seven

Narrative Eight

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.**

Narrative Nine

Prayers of the Church (Celebrate insert)

Narrative Ten

The Peace

THE MEAL

Narrative Eleven

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Narrative Twelve

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.

Narrative Thirteen

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

Narrative Fourteen

BLESSING

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

HYMN "As Saints of Old"

695

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 Earl Poole by his family. **CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given in memory of Paul Taylor by Kathryn and family.

ACOLYTES are Alex McCanna, Jonny Heagy, and Ryan Schugt.

THE NURSERY is in the care of Elaine McCanna and Hannah Heagy. Children under the age of 4 are welcome.

TAPE MINISTRY is provided by Jean Sorber and Wendy Johnston. Tapes will be delivered tomorrow by Cheryl Lucas.

LECTORS are Gail Armstrong and Rebecca Brunetta.

GREETERS are at 8:15 Vicar Jack - north door, Pastor Doug - center, Pastor Marleen - south door, Carolyn Hanzel - choir door; at 10:45 Vicar Jack - north door, Pastor Doug - center, Pastor Marleen - south door, Charla Keffer - 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.

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.

A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will follow both worship services today for the purpose of nominating three council members to serve for the 2010 through 2012. A second meeting will be held November 22 for the purpose of electing three council members to serve that term.

MARY MARTHA CIRCLE meets tomorrow, 10:00 a.m. for sewing, fellowship, and lunch. Join them!

RUTH BIBLE STUDY continues tomorrow evening, 7:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS this week include Youth Ministry, Tues., 7:00 p.m. and Evangelism, Wed., 7:00 p.m.

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.

RUTH CIRCLE meets Thursday, 7:30 p.m. in the parlor.

REHEARSAL FOR YOUTH SUNDAY AND FLOAT WORK will take place next Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

MISSION VOLUNTEERS will meet briefly next Sunday, 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

ACOLYTE TRAINING will be held Saturday, Dec. 5, 10:00 a.m. First Year Confirmands are expected to participate in this training session. All other acolytes are invited to attend for reviewing procedures.

OUR MISSION VOLUNTEERS thank all of those who made contributions last Sunday for building supplies in Mississippi. Anyone who would like to make a contribution, please use a gold pew envelope and mark it as such. Your gifts are greatly appreciated by our team and those people in Gulfport, Mississippi whom we are serving.

OPERATION REINDEER will be collecting gifts for patients at Torrance State Hospital again this year. A list of suggested items is in the November newsletter. Please place your unwrapped gifts to the church office by November 29.

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL is planning to assemble small stockings for our shut-ins at the Intergenerational Program on Nov. 29. They are asking for donations of Kleenex (small, single size), trial size hand sanitizer, lotion, shampoo, toothpaste, mints, life savers, sugar free candy, etc. Place your donations in the marked box in the education building foyer.

THRIVENT IS HELPING homeless families and children this holiday season. The following items will fill one bag per homeless family...

1 bottle of shampoo, 1 bar of soap, 1 deodorant (non gender please), 1 dental floss, 1 tube of toothpaste, 1 tube of lotion, 4 toothbrushes, 1 liquid hand sanitizer. If you are able to assist with this project, place your items in the box provided in the education building foyer.

BARNHART FUNERAL HOME is collecting new or gently used sweaters and gloves to donate to veterans in VA hospitals or veterans who live in veterans homes. As we commemorate Veteran's Day this week, consider "Operation Sweaters for Veterans" as a way to honor our heroes. Please drop the sweaters and gloves at Barnhart Funeral Home, 505 E. Pittsburgh St. Monday thru Friday, 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

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 272.

JOY TO THE WORLD

The Social Ministry Committee invites you to

"DISCOVER A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE!"

AT THE SECOND ANNUAL FAIR TRADE CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday Nov. 21, 11-2pm

Sunday Nov. 22 9 -1 pm

In Fellowship Hall

High quality handcrafts, made by artisans from 35
countries

will be featured. These include

BASKETS

JEWELRY

WOODEN GIFTS

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

NATIVITY SETS

CERAMICS

DIVINE CHOCOLATE

FAIR TRADE COFFEE AND TEA

AND MORE



Every purchase directly helps to improve working conditions, and provide healthcare and education for the artisans and their families.