

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.

# CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 22, 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

"Jesus Is My Guide"

Emma Delisi, Trumpet

### **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.*

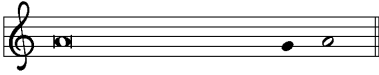
Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us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



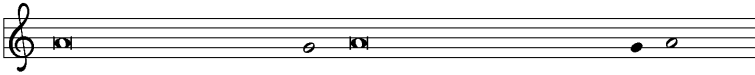
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



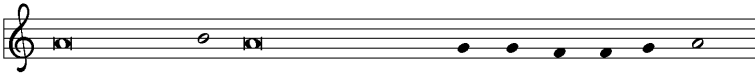
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

Prayer of the Day (Celebrate insert)

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

Let us pray... **Amen**

## WORD

First Reading Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 (Celebrate insert)

**R/Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 93 (Celebrate insert)

(Read responsively)

Second Reading Revelation 1:4b-8 (Celebrate insert)

**R/Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel John 18:33-37

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon ***"What Is Your Confession?"***

Hymn of the Day "Canticle of the Turning"

# 723

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

**# 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.

God of abundance,  
with this bread of life and cup of salvation  
you have united us with Christ,  
making us one with all your people.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

BLESSING

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

HYMN "My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness"

# 251

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 Arthur Wineman and his parents, Arthur and Christine by their family.

**ACOLYTES** are Dane Leone, Andrew Craig, and Julia Gogol.

**CRUCIFERS** are Joseph Ott and Mark Silvis.

**TORCH BEARERS** are Alex McCanna, Lauren Nicassio, Emily Craig, and Nick Silvis.

**BIBLE BEARERS** are Ian Darragh and Jaden Johnston.

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

**TAPE MINISTRY** is provided by Wendy Johnston. Tapes will be delivered tomorrow by Helen Marie Flinner.

**LECTORS** are Pat Eidemiller and Teresa Grove.

**GREETERS** are at 8:15 Pastor Marleen - north door, Vicar Jack - center, Pastor Doug - south door, Brian Erdman - choir door; at 10:45 Pastor Marleen - north door, Vicar Jack - center, Pastor Doug - south door, Dan Lucas - choir door.

**THANKS** to Emma Delisi for her ministry of music this morning.

**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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 electing four council members to serve the 2010 – 2012 term.

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

**PRISCILLA CIRCLE** meets Mon., 6:30 p.m. at Valley Dairy, Latrobe.

**RUTH BIBLE STUDY** meets Monday, 7:00 p.m.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE** meets Tues., 7:00.

**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 and join us for the intergenerational event. Families will be making advent wreaths.

**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.

**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 participating in "Christmas Stockings" for Soldiers. Anyone wishing to stuff a Christmas stocking for one of our heroes overseas may stop by Barnhart Funeral Home (between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.) and pick up a stocking to take home, decorate, and stuff (list of suggested items provided). Stuffed stockings must be returned to the funeral home by Tuesday, Dec. 1.

**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** John Zuzarate, serving in Iraq, in your prayers. Matt Lenart is back in the United States.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE** last Sunday was 235.

## 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.