

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.

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

January 3, 2010

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

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn “O Morning Star; How Fair and Bright!”

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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 for Epiphany

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

By the holy mystery of the Word made flesh, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

By the lowly submission of the Maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

By the humble nativity of the King of light in the manger of Bethlehem, let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, have mercy.

By the splendid manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds and the magi, let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace that His birth brings, for our salvation, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort and defend us, O Incarnate Word.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

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

Let us pray...

Almighty and ever-living God, you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the holy Spirit , one God, now, and forever. Amen

WORD

First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

R/Thanks be to God!

Psalm 72:1-14 (Read responsively)

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son.

**that he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice.**

that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.

**Let him defend the needy among the people,
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.

**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.**

In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance
of peace till the moon shall be no more.

**May he rule from sea to sea, and from the river Euphrates to the
ends of the earth.**

May his foes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust.
May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute, and the

kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.

May all kings bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.
**For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress, the oppressed,
and those who have no helper.**

He has compassion on the lowly and poor, and preserves the lives of the
needy.

**From the oppression and violence he redeems their lives, and
precious is their blood in his sight.**

Second Reading Ephesians 3:2-12

R/Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation “As with Gladness Men of Old” vs 1-3 # 302
(as the Bible is carried to the aisle)

“As with Gladness Men of Old” vs 4-5 # 302
(as the Bible is returned)

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

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

Children’s Message

Sermon *“A Journey That Truly Matters”*

Hymn of the Day “The First Noel”

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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

The Peace

THE MEAL

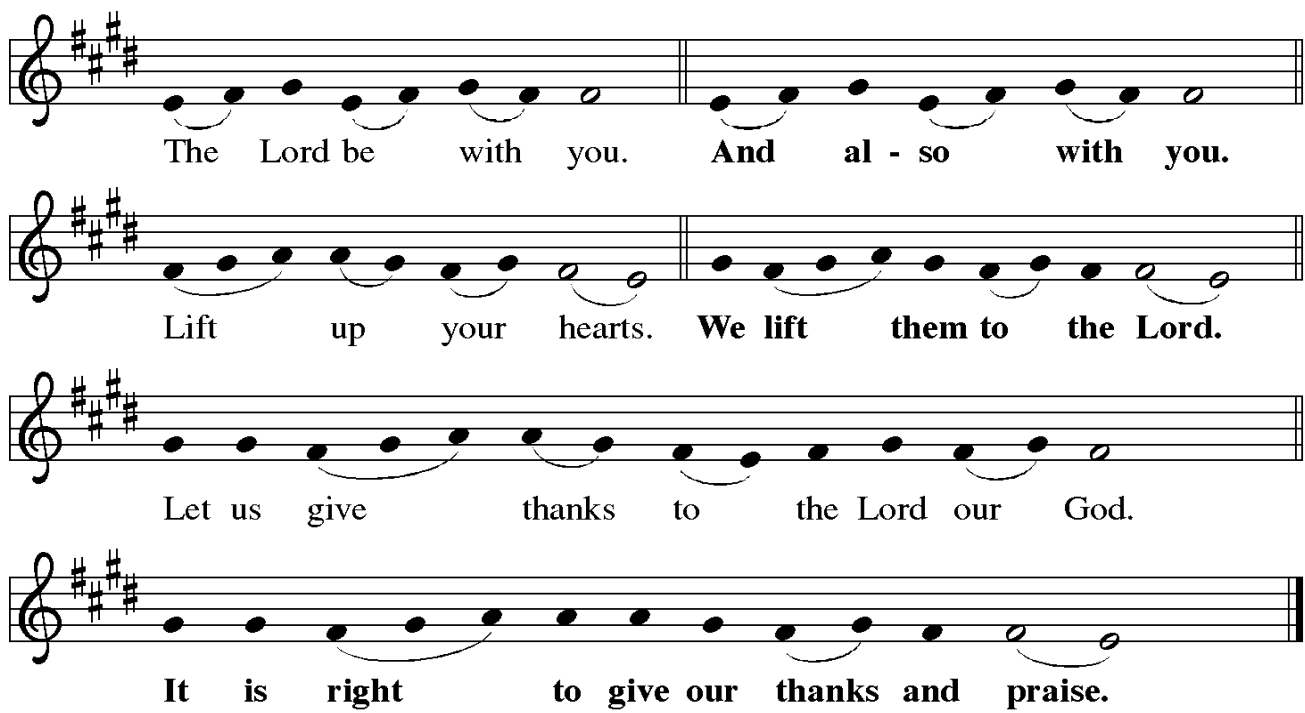
Offering

Doxology

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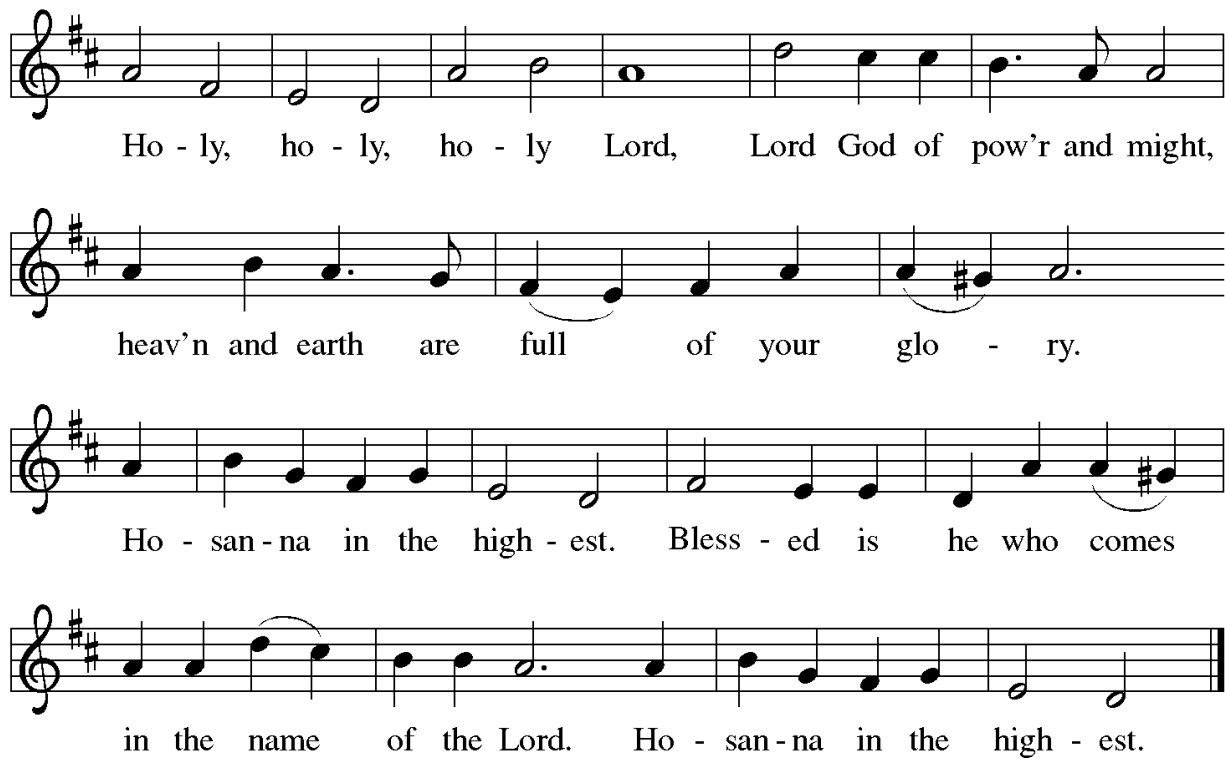
Offertory Prayer

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 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

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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.

ACOLYTES are Dane Leone, Julia Gogol, and Rachel Krunszyinsky.

CRUCIFERS are Garrett Trent and Mark Silvis.

TORCH BEARERS are Dylan Leone, Parker Trent, Nathan Flory, and Jaden Johnston.

BIBLE BEARERS are Ian Darragh and Nick Silvis.

THE NURSERY for January is in the care of Barb Krunszyinsky. Serving today are Megan Myers and Ian Ponitz. Children under the age of 4 are welcome.

LECTORS are Hazel Adams and Bob Errett.

GREETERS are at 8:15 Pastor Smith - north door, Pastor Doug - center, at 10:45 Pastor Smith - north door, Pastor Doug - center, Pam Errett - choir door.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS are Denny Blank and Rebecca Brunetta.

ALTAR GUILD for January includes Jan Merriman, Rebecca Smith, Janet Wineman, and Sharon Wise. Coordinator is Bev Attenberger.

USHERS for January include at 8:15 a.m. Kip Boggs - chief, Sue Boggs, Dave Armstrong, and Kim Nicassio; at 10:45 a.m. Dan Lucas - chief, Terry Keffer, Doug Sedlak, and Kevin Schreiber.

THE BALCONY AND THE SOUTH DOOR are closed for worship this morning and will be closed for the next few weeks as scaffolding is in place for plastering and painting work in the narthex.

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 this morning, 9:00 a.m.

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

BIBLE BOWL competition this year is based on the book of I Samuel. Interested youth in grades 7 – 12 (parents welcome, too) will meet briefly this morning in the conference room to assign teams and readings, and then begin studying on Jan. 10.

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

MORNING BIBLE STUDY resumes this Thursday, 10:30 a.m.

CHOIRS will NOT rehearse this week.

F.L.Y. will meet next Sunday, 5-7:30 p.m. Jr. FLY and Fireflies will NOT meet this month.

OUR MISSION VOLUNTEERS thank all of those who made contributions for building supplies in Mississippi. They departed early this morning for their mission week – we wish them Godspeed!

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2010 are available in the fellowship hall. Envelopes will NOT be mailed this year, so please help us by taking envelopes to a neighbor or family member.

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 Germany, in your prayers.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE last Sunday was 164. Christmas Eve attendance was 219 at 7:30 p.m. and 218 at 11:00 p.m.