

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 31, 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

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.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly kneels. Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

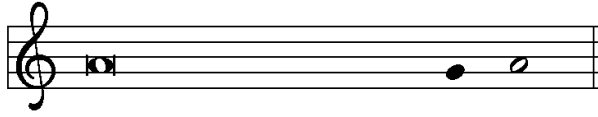
Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory"

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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



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.



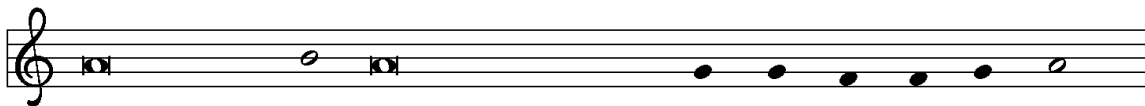
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



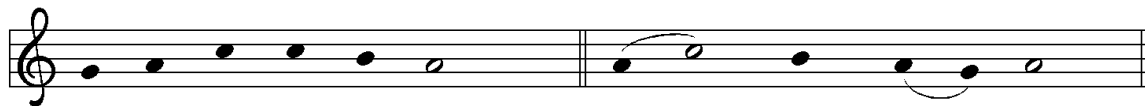
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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

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

Let us pray... **Amen**

WORD

First Reading Jeremiah 1:4-10 (Celebrate insert)

R/Thanks be to God!

Psalm 71 (Celebrate insert)

(Read responsively, 8:15; sung, choir and congregation, 10:45)

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (Celebrate insert)

R/Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

(first Alleluia: cantor/choir; second Alleluia: congregation;

Verse: cantor/choir; final Alleluia: congregation)



Gospel Luke 4:21-30 (Celebrate insert)

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

Children's Message

Sermon ***“Rejected”***

Hymn of the Day “Although I Speak with Angel’s Tongue” # **644**

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

The Peace

THE MEAL

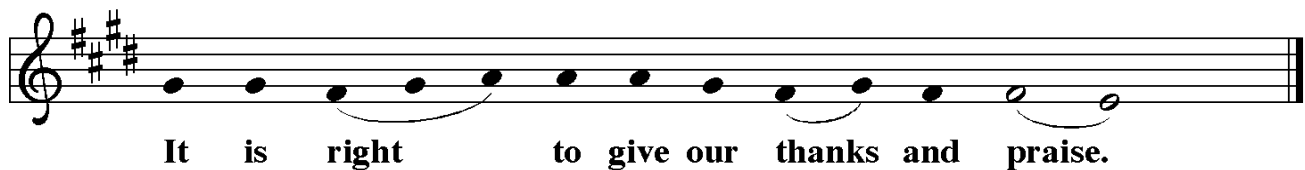
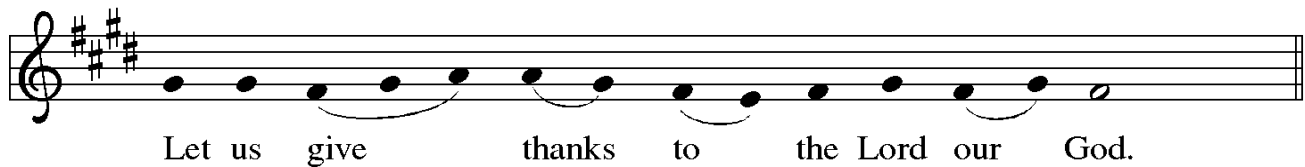
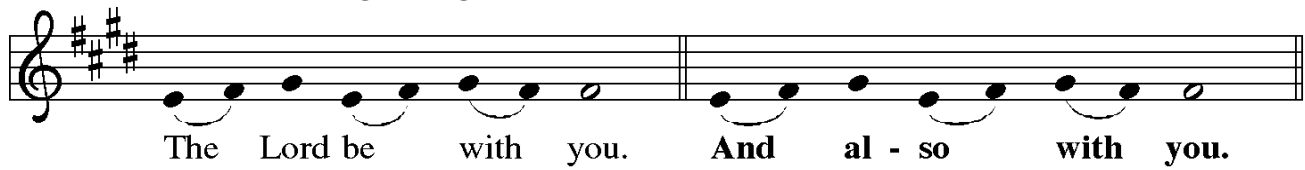
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Doxology

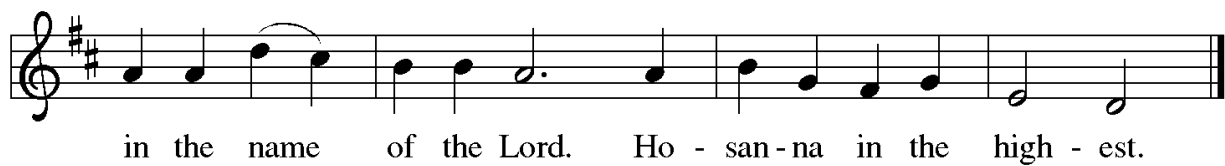
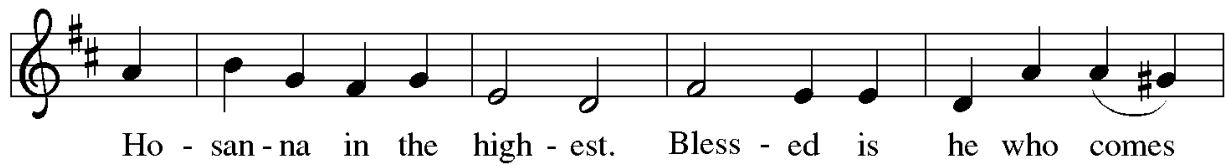
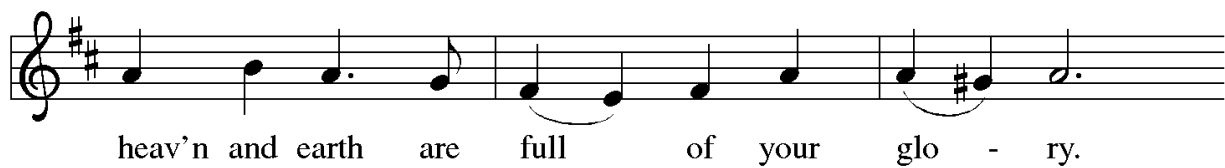
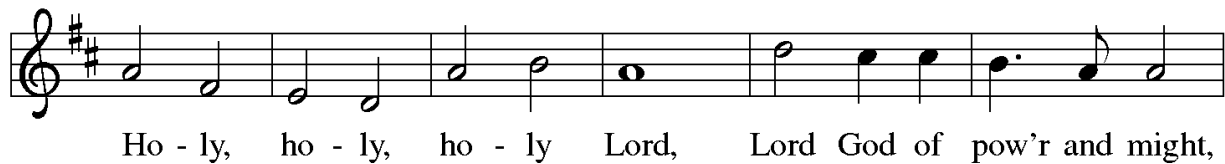
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Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving



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:



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 "Go, My Children, with My 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.

ACOLYTES are Lauren Nicassio, Chelsey Hargis, and Caitlin Hargis.

THE NURSERY is in the care of Barb Krunszyinsky and Abigail Delk. Children under the age of 4 are welcome.

LECTORS are Mark Barnhart and Shirley Huls.

TAPE MINISTRY is provided by Dwight Miller. Tapes will be delivered tomorrow by Cheryl Lucas.

GREETERS are at 8:15 Pastor Marleen - north door, Vicar Jack - center, Pastor Doug - south door, Liz Rowe - choir door; at 10:45 we will greet one another at the congregational dinner.

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.

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

OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING follows 10:45 worship this morning. Plan to join us for lunch and fellowship followed by the annual business meeting.

FLY will hold a **SILENT AUCTION** today at the Congregational Meeting. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the "Water to Thrive" project.

THE JAVA TABLE will be open today after worship at the congregation dinner. Fair Trade coffee, tea, cocoa, and chocolates will be available.

BIBLE BOWL competition this year is based on the book of I Samuel. The group will meet after 10:45 worship today until 2:00 p.m. for study.

MONDAY NIGHT STUDY on the book of Esther continues tomorrow evening, 7:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS this week include Social Ministry, Mon., 7:00 p.m. and Fellowship, Wed., 7:00 p.m.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL meets Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

CHOIRS will NOT rehearse this week.

FLY plans to go snow tubing Friday evening. Youth will meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. to carpool to Hidden Valley. Please eat dinner before you come to the church. Permission slips for First Church and for Hidden Valley must be signed.

SOUPER BOWL is next Sunday. Youth will be at doors after worship with soup kettles to collect your donations. Your gifts will benefit First's food pantry.

FLY AND JUNIOR FLY will meet next Sunday, 5-7:30 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...a **BUS TRIP** to Lancaster, PA scheduled for September 11, 2010 to see "**Joseph**" at the Millennium Theater after an Amish dinner. More details will be included in the February newsletter.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR First's Prayer Chain may be made at any time by calling the church office or by writing the request on the back of a gold pew envelope and placing it in the offering plate. If you wish to participate on First's Prayer Chain, please contact Jean Miller. Let us lift up one another in prayer.

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 222.

**Five Fridays at First Lutheran Church
246 South Main Street / Greensburg, Pa
2010 Lenten Luncheon Series**

February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26

12:05 PM - 12:30 PM Music & Meditation in
the Sanctuary

12:30 PM - 1:00 PM Lunch / Fellowship Hall

This year during Lent, First Lutheran Church will celebrate a series of musical performances and a time of meditation during the noontime hour for our church members and the Greensburg community. Entitled, "Five Fridays at First Lutheran," the meeting times will be held on the Fridays of February 26, March 5, 12, 19, and 26.

Music and Meditation will be shared in the sanctuary from 12:05 PM until 12:30 PM. Musical performances will be organized by Marvin Huls, Professor of Music at Seton Hill University and the Director of Music at First Lutheran Church. Brief meditations will be shared by the First Lutheran pastors.

Following the music and meditation time, a lunch will be offered in our Fellowship Hall from 12:30 PM to 1:00 PM. First Lutheran Church invites the Greensburg community, and those who work in town during the day, to join us for these five Fridays during Lent.

HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF ELCA DISASTER RESPONSE

On Tuesday, January 12, a magnitude 7.0 earthquake rocked the island country of Haiti, primarily impacting the capital, Port-au-Prince. Offices, hotels, houses and shops have collapsed. The presidential palace is in ruins and many churches have been destroyed. Hospitals are overflowing and the search for survivors is intense. The streets of Haiti are filled with people in shock and searching for loved ones among the rubble. **Your help is needed today to bring immediate relief and continued hope for our brothers and sisters in Haiti.** About 3 million lives, one-third of Haiti's population, are affected by this earthquake. Already one of the poorest countries in the world (70 percent of Haiti's population lives in extreme poverty), this catastrophe will exacerbate the suffering felt by many already living with hunger and poverty. ELCA Disaster Response is already working through long-standing partnerships on the ground to provide emergency food, water, shelter and medical supplies. Financial gifts are urgently needed.

Your gifts to ELCA International Disaster Response, designated for Haiti Earthquake Relief, will be used entirely—100 percent—for immediate relief and ongoing recovery in Haiti. Your prayers and generous gifts will be life-saving. Please give today.

If you are able to help, please use a gold pew envelope and mark it as ELCA – Disaster Response or Haiti. Please make your check payable to First Lutheran Church.