

# 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.

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 21, 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.**

Greeting

The grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. **And also with you.**

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, 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 worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

Prayer of the Day (Celebrate insert)  
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Let us pray... **Amen**

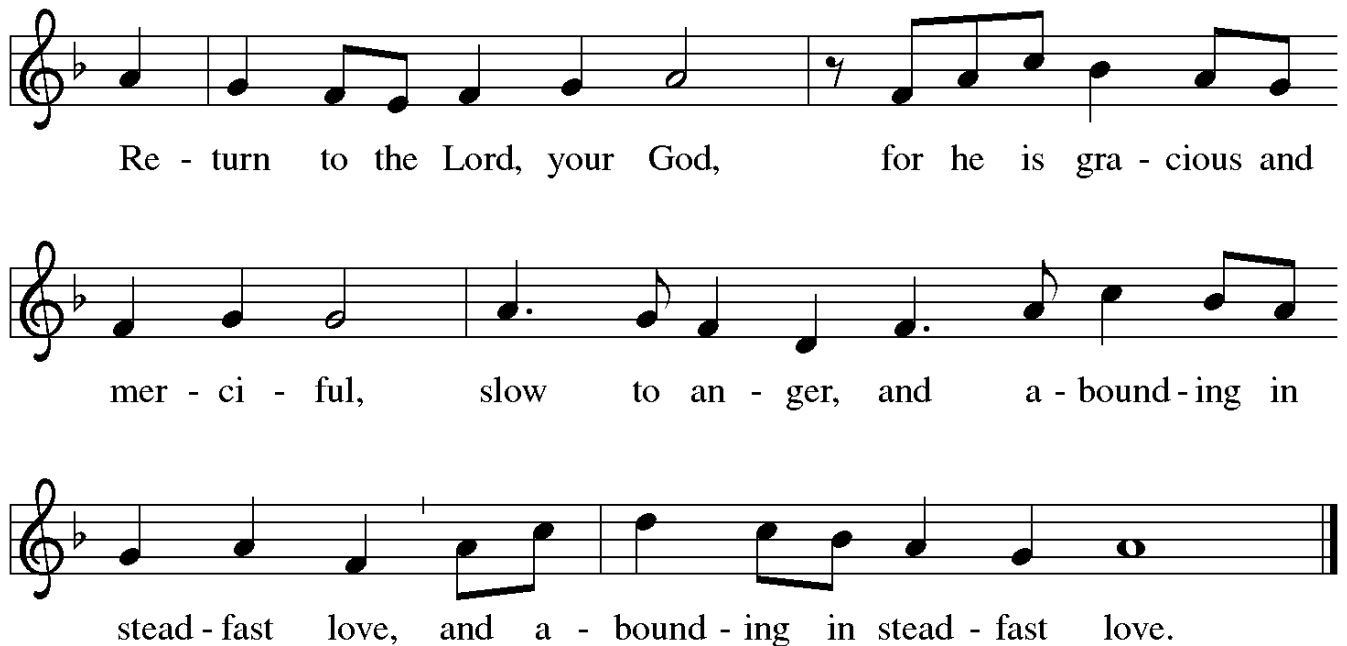
## WORD

First Reading Isaiah 43:16-21 (Celebrate insert)  
**R/Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 126 (Celebrate insert)  
(Read responsively, 8:15; sung, choir and congregation, 10:45)

Second Reading Philippians 3:4b-14 (Celebrate insert)  
**R/Thanks be to God!**

## Lenten Acclamation



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

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Gospel John 12:1-8 (Celebrate insert)  
**R/ Glory to you, O Lord. R/ Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Sermon *"Ahead of Her Time"*

Hymn of the Day "Jesus, the Very Thought of You"

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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 (Celebrate insert)

The Peace

### **THE MEAL**

Offering

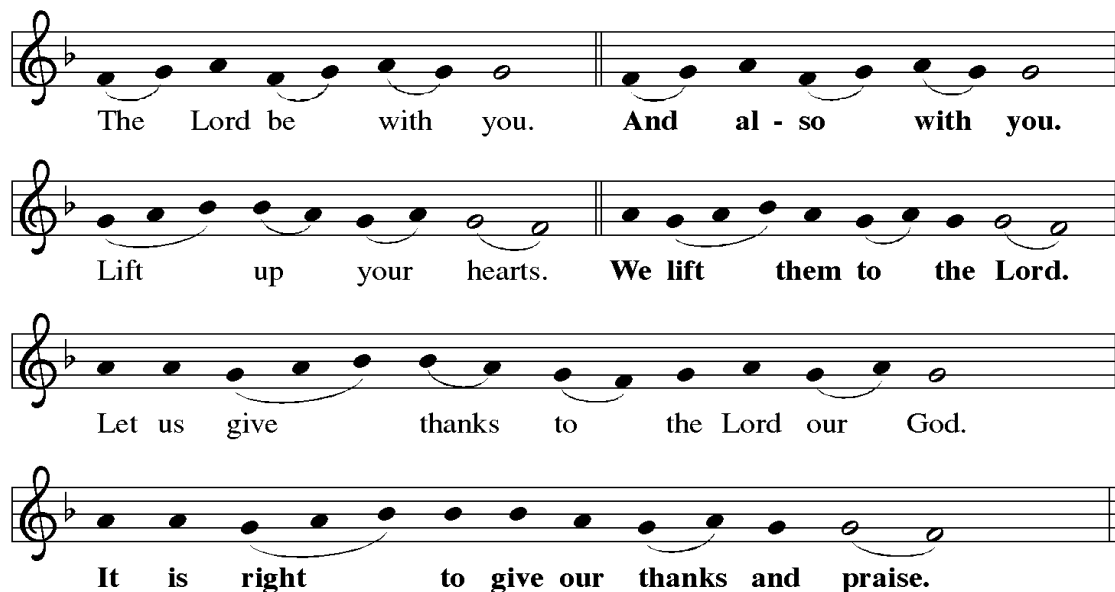
Offertory "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Offertory Prayer

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# The Great Thanksgiving

## Preface Dialogue



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

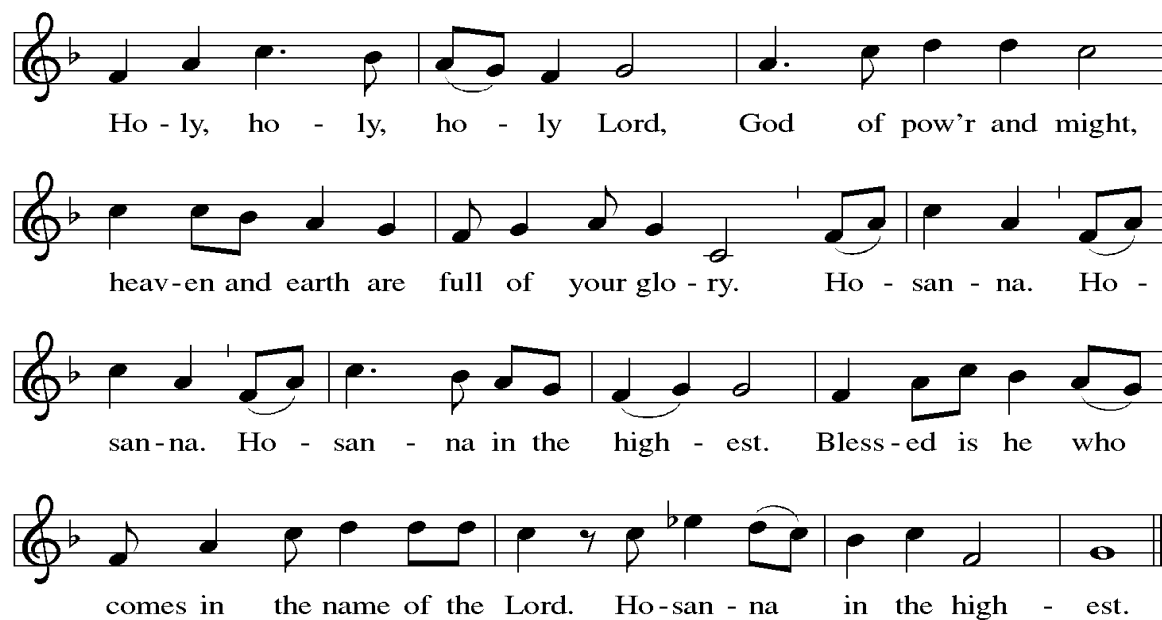
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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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:

## Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

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## 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 "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

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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 "Wib" and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Albright by Margie Albright and family. **CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given in memory of Anna and Harry Bork, and Esther Bork by the Bork family.

**ACOLYTES** are Lauren Nicassio, Nick Julian, and Kiley Julian.

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

**LECTORS** are Tom Trent and Garan Warren.

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

**THANKS** to Jeanne Suehr for her ministry of music as organist this morning.

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

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

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

**MONDAY NIGHT STUDY** continues tomorrow evening, 7:00 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 Thursday.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** continues their Wednesday mid-day Lenten services. Devotions will begin at 12:05 p.m. and conclude at 12:30 p.m. A luncheon in the fellowship hall will follow the service.

**ZION'S LUTHERAN** will have Thursday noon Lenten services beginning at 12:05 p.m. with lunch following. Pastor Doug will lead worship this week speaking on "Jesus, Our Worldly Mission".

**A YOUTH LOCK-IN** is planned for March 26-27 beginning at 8:00 p.m. They will walk to Main Bowl for cosmic bowling at midnight. See the March newsletter for more info.

**THE INTERN COMMITTEE** meets next Sunday, March 28, after worship.

**NEXT SUNDAY, PALM SUNDAY**, we will begin worship with a processional with palms down the center aisle of the church. All children of the church through sixth grade are invited to process with the Pastors and wave palm branches in the way that children did long ago when Jesus entered Jerusalem.

**GOOD FRIDAY, April 2,** the community is invited to walk the “Way of the Cross”, beginning at the Court House, 11:30 a.m. and concluding at noon at Trinity United Methodist Church (210 West Fourth Street). Trinity United Methodist will then host a community service, noon – 3:00 p.m.

**CROP WALK** is set for Sunday, April 25. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

**NEARLY NEW SHOPPE** will be open in May. You are asked to gather your spring and summer clothing, bedding, towels, and shoes (clean and in good condition) and bring them to the church Tuesday, May 18, 9 a.m. to noon and 6 – 8:30 p.m. Items will be distributed May 19 and 20. If you can help to sort and distribute the clothing, please call Elinor Giovannini (724-834-3778).

**ALTAR GUILD** is in need of members for the month of April. Anyone interested in serving during the month of April or being a member of Altar Guild anytime during the year please contact the church office or one of the monthly coordinators, Dianna Marusko, Bev Attenberger, Debbie Delisi, or Bobbie Laciak.

**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 prayer cards in the pew racks 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.

**TWO TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS** are available to members of First. Members of the college who plan to attend Thiel are requested to call the church office. Also, the Education Society of Westmoreland County provides Lutheran residents of the county who attend any Lutheran college the opportunity for scholarship aid. Applicants are asked to contact Lisa Robosky at 724-532-7349 or at 831 Wisconsin Avenue, Greensburg.

**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. The cost of the trip is \$115.00 which includes bus transportation, the Amish dinner, and “**Joseph**” tickets. Call the church office to make reservations or for more details.

**PLEASE KEEP** John Zuzarate, serving in Germany, Ben Weyandt and Scott Sibley, serving in Afghanistan, and Liz Miles, serving as a navy nurse in Kuwait in your prayers.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE** last Sunday was 222.

## CHANGING LIVES by EATING CHOCOLATE.....

In time for Easter, the Java Table will be featuring DIVINE CHOCOLATE bars: Milk chocolate and Dark Chocolate with raspberries and mint, plus Divine After Dinner Mints.

Americans consume more than \$14 billion worth of chocolate every year and at least forty million people rely on cocoa for their livelihood! Yet many cocoa farmers live without clean water or enough food to eat, because so few chocolate consumers know how little cocoa farmers are paid. DIVINE CHOCOLATE is different; it's owned by 45,000 cocoa farmers in Ghana. They build wells, fund schools, and provide mobile medical clinics for their communities. They earn a fair price for their cocoa because you are willing to purchase their chocolate instead of what you find at the grocery or local super-store. When you take a bite out of a Divine Chocolate Bar you are taking a bite out of poverty!



Stop at THE JAVA TABLE Sunday, March 28th to purchase Fair Exchange coffees, teas and chocolates.

**Five Fridays at First Lutheran Church  
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2010 Lenten Luncheon Series**

**February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26**

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

March 26 features Marvin Huls, keyboard meditations

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.

**ELCA DISASTER RESPONSE CHILE EARTHQUAKE  
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EARTHQUAKE RELIEF**

**One of the most powerful earthquakes in history struck Chile on Saturday, February 27, impacting major cities and small fishing communities along the coast. More than 800 people lost their lives and many more are feared dead. It is estimated that 2 million people have been displaced.**

**Blocked roads, collapsed bridges, and fallen electricity wires and phone lines have made it difficult for humanitarian aid to reach those with the greatest need.**

**The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is uniquely positioned to respond. Unlike other aid organizations, ELCA Disaster Response works through long-standing partnerships on the ground that are prepared and able to reach the most affected communities. One such partner, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chile, reports that church buildings are already being used to shelter the homeless. Our partners are in need of water, water filters, food, shelter and personal hygiene items to distribute to affected communities. Your donations are needed to bring these life-saving supplies to those in need. Will you help today?**

**Thanks to your Sunday morning offerings 100 percent of your gifts designated for Chile Earthquake Relief will be used for this response effort. Your prayers and generous gifts will make a life-saving difference. Please give today.**